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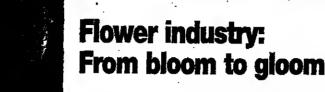
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Shahak warns Palestinian anger is rising

By LIAT COLLINS

Although the Palestinian Authority apparently wants to avoid an armed conflict with Israel, preferring to use its gains in the international arena, a feeling of hatred is returning to the Palestinian street, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign and Defense Committee yesterday.

According to an official briefing. Shahak said, "The present situation cannot go on much longer," adding it could develop in one of two direc-

tions: violence or dialogue. He did not specify which is more

Some Palestinians are losing faith in the PA, Shahak said, and some are

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beginning to perceive it as a body

which exploits the population and

enriches only those close to it. Shahak confirmed reports, raised by

Ze'ev Begin (Likud), that some Farah activists have joined the Islamic Jihad. He also confirmed reports that there are rocket-propelled grenades in the

He denied, however, stories that the 1DF is confiscating arms from Jewish settlers.

The military is holding a campaign to register the location of its weapons, he explained, and all the arms taken were IDF - not private - property. Shahak said that after a check into

of those who did not get the weapons back have a criminal record. Chairman Uzi Landau (Likud)

stopped the heated discussion twice to allow MKs to cool off. Most of the confrontation took place between Yossi Sarid (Meretz) and Haim Ramon (Labor), on one side, and Begin, Hanan Porat (National Religious Party), and Shaul Yahalom (NRP) on the other.

the matter, the weapons had been

returned to most of the 31 people who

appealed against their removal; most

The meeting had to be stopped in the

middle of discussions on the security of Jewish residents in Hebron. Shahak said the IDF is doing everything possible to ensure their safety. Porat and Yahalom said that, nonetheless, a child had been wounded in a stone-throwing incideni.

You're talking about a stone when there is a danger of nuclear weapons," Ramon interjected.

On Lebanon, a senior military intelligence officer said there has been a gradual return to the same scope of attacks by Hizbullah as there was six

Shahak stressed, however, that Hizbullah does not seem to want a flare up and is basically abiding by the understandings reached Operation Grapes of Wrath.

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Recent successful IDF initiatives have put pressure on Hizbullah, he

The organization is continuing to receive arms by air from Iran via

He said there are also signs of coop-

eration hetween Hizbullah and months ago - about 60 incidents a Palestinian groups in south Lebanon.

Netanyahu Winning can rejects US report on settlements

By MICHAL YUDELMAN nd MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Prime Minister Binyamin Ille Tellse show Netanyahu yesterday rejected a US report, according to which 26 11. W Assemble (percent of the housing units in settlements in the West Bank and Hilliple Scha 56% in Gaza are unoccupied. Netanyahu said the real figures Ey Juby SEES are a "tiny fraction" of that.

"I don't have the accurate figlives at hand, but the report of 25% empty apartments is far from the truth," Netanyahu said. He noted that Ariel, for example, which the report said had 2,000 empty homes, had not many more than 2,000 homes in it altogether, "and Ariel is not an

abandoned settlement." Salai Meridor, the head of the Jewish Agency's settlement department, said there are hardly any empty homes in the territories, and in most settlements there is oot even one empty apartment.

"I wish that the reports were true." he said, "because then we would be able to fill them very quickly. The fact is that there are hardly any empty apartments in the territories. It is known that the population there has been growing at the rate of 10% a year, 50,000 over the past four years. We are confident that it will continue in this manner."

Peace Now spokesman Mossy ··· Raz said that the figures his -movement has are "somewhere win the middle" between those sited in the American report and ... the settlers' leaders' claim that there are hardly any empty apart-

ments available. He estimated some 12% of the housing units in the territories

, are empty. He added that although his figares were lower than those in the survey, it strengthened the movement's demands that all construction in the settlements be

Consul-General US Jerusalem Edward Abington defended the report.

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Mobile eyes



Rare find

Prof. Stefan Reif, of Cambridge University, yesterday studies a letter, written by Moses Maimonides (Rambam) in the 12th century, that is to be part of a display of Cairo Geniza documents opening at the Israel Museum on June 2, 100 years after their discovery. (Brian Hendler)

PM, Levy deny deals over jobs

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar, who arrived here yesterday, met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in a session that continued after midnight yesterday, amid persistent rumors that he is to be replaced.

Sources close to Foreign Minister David Levy said last night that as far as Levy is concerned. Ben-Elissar will be returning to Washington tomorrow and has a return flight ticket. The sources noted, however, that Netanyahu may have other offers for him.

Netanyahu's political adviser Dr. Dore Gold is being mentioned as most likely to replace Ben-Elissar, while Netanyahu's senior policy adviser David Bar-Illan is mentioned as a candidate for UN

Another name raised in circles close to the prime minister this week was former ambassador to the US Zalman Shoval, but it is not clear for which of the two openings be is being considered.

Shoval refused to comment. saying only that he did not want to talk about hypothetical things.

A senior Foreign Ministry source implied yesterday that Ben-Elissar would remain in his position, saying that it would be an insult to the US if the government switched its ambassador so quickly. He said that it would violate diolomatic etiquene to switch an ambassador who had served for

Before Ben-Elissar's meeting with Netanyahu, Levy expressed support for him, and predicted he would remain in his position.

less than a year.

"I had a good talk with the ambassador in Washington last week. I don't think he'll be replaced. I hope he'll stay in office," Levy said. Foreign Ministry Director-

General Eytan Bentsur also expressed appreciation for Ben-Elissar's work. Uotil yesterday, it was speculat-

Eliahu Ben-Elissar

ed that Levy had agreed to the appointment of Gold and Bar-Illan in exchange for having his close assistant Ya'acov Bardugo appointed director of Mifal Hapavis.

Both Levy and sources in the Prime Minister's Office denied that any deal concerning the diplomatic appointments had been made. Netanyahu made it clear that he supports Bardugo's appointment regardless of the other appointments.

Ben-Elissar appeared con-vinced that he would return to Washington tomorrow. He denied that be came on his lightening visit because be feared for his job, stating: "They are not going to replace me; don't believe the newspapers.'

Earlier this week, Ben-Elissar charged that Gold was spreading the rumors that he is about to be replaced.

Gold yesterday denied that he has said anything against Ben-Elissar and said that no one has approached him about replacing him. Sources close to Gold said that he has has indicated that he is not interested in an ambassadorial position and is quite satisfied in his present job.

Sources close to Levy dismissed the possibility that if Ben-Elissar refuses to resign, Netanyahu would appoint Gold as political

delegate in Washington, in which case Gold would act as the real ambassador, cutting Ben-Elissar off completely.

"We will not allow this to happen. If they try to do that, Ben-Elissar will not let him [Gold] work," one source said.

Foreign ministry sources said Ben-Elissar did not have a chance at succeeding in his job from the start, since Netanyahu's senior advisers cut him off from all White House contacts and in many cases he was the last to hear of developments between Israel and the US.

Liat Collins adds: Meretz leader Yossi Sarid described Ben-Elissar as "the wrong person in the wrong place

at the wrong time." He also said that "even the best ambassador cannot market bad and dangerous policies. Therefore not only should Ben-Elissar be replaced, but first of all and more importantly -Binyamin Netanyahu should be

replaced."

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz), chairman of the Knesset State Control Committee, has asked State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat to look into reports that a deal has been made to appoint a Gesher member to head Mifal Hapayis in return for a Likud appointment as ambassador in

Washington. "Making deals stemming from political or other vested interests means there is no chance that the best and most talented civil servants will be appointed," he said. Moshe Arens also criticized Netanyahu in an interview on Channel 1

*Making appointments is oot the prime minister's strong card, to my great sorrow," Arens said. This is not something marginal. m my opinion, but the most important characteristic that a leader needs - the ability to build a staff and appoint the right people, because nothing can be accomplished by only one man,

Magen resigns as deputy finance minister

By SARAH HONIG

Cs ASSYTH DEATS Deputy Finance Minister David Magen (Gesher) resigned yesterday, making good his threat of three weeks ago. His most likely replacement is said to be MK

Michael Kleiner. At 12:20 p.m., Magen sent a terse letter to Finance Minister

said that he was stepping down; the second and last sentence thanked Meridor for his coopera-

tion. The resignation was accepted. Magen did not repeat the acrimonious onslaught on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu with which he first announced his decision to resign. Foreign Minister David

to wait and go through factional channels. But when the three weeks Magen allotted as a cooling-off period were over, he

resigned. Sources said that Magen will oot be missed in the Finance Ministry, as his contribution there was negligible. This more than anything,

his growing sense of frustration. Magen said yesterday that he is

"sure my voice will be heard more as an ordinary MK. I could not speak out as a deputy minister, but I will say what is on my mind as an ordinary MK."

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Eran to stay on in Amman

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Ambassador to Jordan Oded Eran yesterday accepted Foreign Minister David Levy's request not to resign and is to return to Amman in two days.

Eran resigned last week, a mere four days after assuming the post, after not receiving advance notice of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's visit to Akaba for a meeting with King Hussein. He said he quit "to warn and to improve the functioning of the embassy and the apparatus handling a sensitive matter such as our relations with Jordan.

Eran yesterday met Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur, who said afterwards that Eran agreed to stay lo office after being assured he would be able to function effectively.

Eran said that "I raised issues which I thought important. Assuming that these issues have been settled, as I understood from the foreign minister and the director-general, I will agree to Levy's request."

'Witch of Jenin' fortune-teller remanded for fraud

By RAINE MARCUS

Known as the witch of Jenin. Zahariya Shuhada, a fortune-teller and healer frequented by politicians



and celebrices, will be predicting the future of fellow immates at the Abu Kabir lock-up for the next seven days. She was remanded on fraud charges by Tel Aviv Magistrate's

Court yesterday. Shahada, also known as Unun Amar, allegedly conned thousands of people out of their money by convincing them that she had supernatural and psychic powers and could exorcise the evil eye.

Shahada, a mother of 16, regaled her clients with the tale that she had been murdered by her husband, but was brought back to life by a woman from her village, who removed her from her grave.

Following her resurrection, she said, she had been granted powers to cure all human problems. Police said Shahada worked countrywide, attracting celebrities and

even IDF officers. After receiving

decided to check her supernatural powers out for themselves at an apartment in Tel Aviv she used. They sold Shahada they were baving marital problems and desperately needed her help. For NIS 5,200, she said, she could solve their problems.

She produced a few grains of rice, said Supt. David Materani, and told the couple to count them. "Then she took some salt from a

piece of paper, played around with other pieces of paper, and suddenly produced a sweet, just like a magician," he said. This apparendy was supposed to solve the couple's marital problems.

Shahada was arrested and appeared in front of Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Hayuta Cohen yesterday morning.

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Mordechai: Iran arming Hizbullah

By DAVID RUDGE

Hizbullah has been receiving large quantities of arms and animunition by air from Iran via Syria in the past few months. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday.

He also said that Israel is examining reports that these shipments may have included improved, longrange Katyusha rockets.

Mordechai spoke to reporters during a visit to the security zone. where he was briefed by senior offi-cers, including OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiran Levine and IDF commander in Lebanon Brig.-Gen. Eli Amitai.

His visit came amid a marked escalation in fighting. On Monday morning, an Amal sujcide bomber attempted to destroy an Israel Navy gunboat and, in a clash north of the zone on Thursday night, three paratroopers were killed and seven wounded.

There's constant air activity. which I have remarked upon many

times, of planes flying in equipment and weapons from Iran to Damascus and from there to the Bekaa Valley and to Lebanon," Mordechai said.

"Some of this equipment is for civilian needs, and some for mi)itary requirements. This includes anti-tank weapons, amnunition, arms, and a variety of different equipment in order to give Hizbullah and other terrorist organizations on Lebanese soil better fighting capabilities."

Mordechai said he is investigating reports that the shipments may have included Katyusha rockets with a long-range capability that would theoretically enable them to reach Haifa's bayside suburbs.

He accused Iran of giving Hizbullah financial and military aid, as well as ideological backing. and Syria of aidine in this. Nevertheless, Mordechai reiterated his call to Syria to return to the negotiating table.

Mordechai visited an outpost in the security zone and later an observation point on top of the joint headquarters of the South Lebanese Army and the IDF's Lebanese liaison unit in Marjayoun.

He stressed that initiated operations, in which the IDF had scored some notable successes in the past two months, would continue.

"The level of security given to northern communities is a direct result of the efforts being made here in the security zone and, unfortunately, the high price we sometimes pay here with the best of our sons," said Mordechai.

There have been over 80 incidents in south Lebanon in the past few weeks, including roadside bombings and attacks on IDF and SLA troops and positions. In one such incident yesterday, Hizbullah gunmen fired several mortar rounds at an SLA outpost in the zone's eastern sector. There were no casualties or damage and IDF gunners returned fire. Military sources said they believe the recent intensification in fighting will continue.



Greek FM visits

Greek Foreign Minister Theodoros Pangalos and his wife study exhibits at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem yesterday. Pangalos also visited the Knesset and held talks with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on the peace process. Netanyahu called on the European Union to stop giving automatic aid to the Palestinian Authority.

Defense minister meets settlers over Yitzhar

A report on Arutz 7 yesterday niel with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai on Monday night, in an attempt to reach a solution regarding the controver-

sial hilltop near Yitzhar. Present at the meeting were Mordechai's settlement adviser Eli Cohen, and OC Central Command Maj-Gen. Uzi Dayan,

According to the radio report, one of the possible solutions raised was that the IDF take over

the hilltop in exchange for the setclaimed that settlement leaders tiers evacuating the buildings erected after the 1DF and police demolished three houses there two weeks ago.

Yehiel Leiter, of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea. Samaria, and Gaza said that he hadn't heard about the meeting. but if the IDF intended to safeguard the hilltop and eventually tum it over to the settlement, the council would support the solution. Margos Dudkevitch

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"Based on what we've seen on the ground, the figure of 25% vacancy rate in settlements is more or less accurate. There's no need for natural growth of settlements if there's such a high vacancy rate," he told Reuters.

Ha'arctz reported yesterday that the American research into the housing situation in the settlements, which included satellite surveillance, shows that only 1.100 out of the 2,300 housing units in Gaza are inhabited and that 31,061 out of 41,000 apartments in the West Bank are inhabited. On the Golan Heights, 28% of the housing units are uninhab-

According to the report, there are 2.000 empty housing units in Ariel, constituting 26% of all the apartments in town, In Shile, there are 1,000 empty housing

The US concluded that Israel does not need to expand the settlements, since a considerable part of the housing units in them are uninhabited, Ha'aretz said.

The survey was published less than 24 hours after US Ambassador Martin Indyk called for an immediate freeze on settlement construction to get the peace process back on track.

Yehiel Leiter, of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea. Samaria and Gaza, called the survey ridiculous. "It is clear that it was published to embarrass Netanyahu," he said.

Leiter said that just six months ago, the government decided to release for sale 3,000 homes that

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does not mean that I am crossing

over to the opposition. I am a dis-

ciplined party member and my

opposition will be inounted strict-

ly within the coalition parameters,

like that of [MK Ze'ev) Begin.

When I see something which I

think is wrong. I will make my

opinions audible. A case in point

is the intention to relinquish \$50

million [in US aid] in favor of

lordan, while we are imposing

Three weeks ago, Magen cited

Netanyahu's speech after the pub-

lication of the state attorney's

report on the Bar-On Affair as his

reason for quitting, but yesterday

he said that "there are many rea-

sons for resigning, and a certain

expression by the prime minister

Rleiner has said that he would

like to replace Magen, while MK

Maxim Levy said he is not after

the job. MK Yehuda Lankri said

he would take the post if it is

offered to him by Levy. He will abide by Levy's decision, he said.

was the trigger."

severe budeetary cutbacks.

He stressed, however, that "this

had been frozen under the previous government. "At least 50% of these homes have already been purchased and by summer, the remaining 1,000 or so will be bought," he said.

Council secretary-general Aharon Domb also laughed at the reports. "I thought we could depend on the Americans," he said. "According to the survey there are 2,000 empty houses in Ariel, comprising 26% of the settlement's houses. That's ridiculous. How can there be 8,000 units, when there are in actual fact

Leiter pointed out that even the photo accompanying the Ha'arerz caravans claimed to be empty were dormitories for 60 odd students attending a hesder yeshiva for over six years. Just recently. they moved into permanent dwellings and now the caravans are filled with single-parent families and young couples."

Liat Collins adds: Labor Party Knesset faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen filed an urgent motion for the agenda in response to the report. He sent a letter to Netanyahu demanding precise figures on the numbers of empty apartments and calling for the immediate end to the construction

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid called on Nelanyahu to listen to the Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and stop the construc-tion of Har Homa. "There is nothine more urgent or important today than resuming the diplomatic negotiations in order to prevent a war, and suspending the building on Har Homa will enable the talks to resume," he said.

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According to police, she would demand checks from her clients, which she told them she would tear up. This, she said, was part of the freatment. In fact, she would pass the checks onto a third party who would deposit them into his bank account and give her cash.

The lax authorities also are expected to investigate Shahada's earnings, amounting to millions of shekels, which she allegedly failed to declare.

Brothers Sharon and Yisrael Zilmerman, allegedly Shahada's impresarios, also were remanded for three days.

ARRIVALS

Arrivals for the Annual Meeting of the Board or Governors of Tel Asiv University. From Brazil: Miriam and Charles Tawill. From Germany: Anke and Prof. Dr. Detlef Uthoff-From South Africa: Estelle Yach. From Switzerland: Hannelore and Dr. hc. Karl-Heinz Kipp for the Inauguration of the Han-nelore Kipp Chair to the Study of An His-tory. From The United States: Dr. Felix Zandman for the Inauguration of the Alfred P. Slaner Chair in Antisemitism and Racism.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerosalem Rotary Clob will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street, Mr. Edward Abington, U.S. consul - general, Jerusalem will selected by the Clob

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By LIAT COLLINS

A strong message went out from the Knesset yesterday: "Free Ron Arad." The message was picked up and echoed by members of the British and German parliaments who participated in a special satellite- and internet link-up with their Israeli counterparts for a conference marking the 39th birthday of the missing Israeli navigator who was captured in 1986.

The conference was the initiative of Coalition and Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan, who heads the sub-committee on communication and information. Among those who appeared in the satellite link-up was Britain's

Derek Fatchett, minister of the

State, Foreign and Commonwealth

Office, on the eve of a visit to the

He said he would bring up the subject during his visit to Syria next week and make it very clear that the British government will be working hard for his release.

John Marshail, a Conservative MP until the recent elections, called Arad's captivity "the most scandalous abuse of human rights in the western world." He said Arad's release would further the peace process. Marshall noted that Arad has been missing as long as both world wars put

together. Conservative MP James Clappison said he would continue to take up Arad's cause with the new government.

Although the planned link with the German Bundestag did not work out, the speaker. Rita

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon sympathizing with the campaign to free Arad.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky told the British MPs and viewers that he could personally identify with Arad from his experiences as a former Prisoner of Zion.

Communications Limor Livnat spoke to Ron's mother. Batya Arad - "as one mother to another, who, understands and shares your hope that you will wake up in the moming and find Ron at home."

Yosef Harari, who heads the Committee to Free Ron Arad, stressed the modern media event was not "celebrating but marking his birthday. We'll celebrate it with him when he



Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and Communications Minister Limor Livnat (center) join Ron Arad's mother, Batya Arad, at a Knesset ceremony yesterday in honor of the missing navigator's 39th birthday.

Jews in Iran have religious freedom, says ex-community leader

By STEVE RODAN

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Iran's 25,000 Jews have been granted freedom of religion as well as limited travel rights by the Islamic regime in Teheran, according to former community head Parviz Nazarian,

Nazarian, who since 1979 has resided in Los Angeles, said in an interview with The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the Islamic republic allows synagogues and Jewish schools to operate. This is in contrast to the years of government persecution of the Jews that followed the 1978 overthrow of the Shah.

"The Jews have learned to live in Iran," said Nazarian, a former IDF soldier who heads a scholarship fund that has aided 400 . Israelis.

The regime doesn't interfere on issues of religion.

not dare to return to his home in

price," he said, "Also there is an age factor. Many of the Jews in Iran today are elderly [and prefer

The 67-year-old Nazarian, who helps run several companies based in the US, will today donate an endowment for a chair for the study of modern Iran at Tel Aviv University, the first such chair in Israel. He said his goal is to promote understanding of Iran in Israel in the hope that Teheran will one day reconcile itself with the Jewish state.

"You have to know the Iranians to make a deal," he said. "Iran under an ayatollah will not last long. Even today, under the ayatollah, the country is changing. There are intellectuals who are beginning to think they need the US and the West. The Iranians are . "They don't feel under pressure. not anti-Israel. They use such There are synagogues and schools. rhetoric for political reasons in the Arab world.

But Nazarian said he cannot Nazarian, who himself would explain the motive of Iran's programs to develop nuclear weapons Teheran, said Jews have possibili- and medium-range ballistic misties of leaving Iran, although siles capable of hitting Israel, many appear ready to remain in "Even I as an Iranian lack the tools the country, "It's a question of to understand Iran today," he said.



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Gov't, ULA discuss new plan to end strike ·

By LIAT COLLINS

A meeting between the prime minister, finance minister and interior minister last night came up with a financial recommendation to end the local authorities strike, according to the Union of Local Authorities spokesman. He said the government had proposed giving the ULA NIS 80 million in each of the next four years and NIS 600m. in a year.

Earlier, Interior Minister Eli Suissa said he "identifies with the just struggle of the local authority heads," during yesterday's stormy Knesset Interior Committee discussion on the crisis.

Committee chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor), at the outset of the meeting, strongly criticized Finance Minister Dan Meridor, who did not attend the discussion, although he later met with local authority heads in his own

-Part of the problem with the heavy deficit is the heavy demand the government places on the local authorities. I have stopped wandering among the local authorities because I am ashamed to look these people in the cyes when their water supply is cut off, there is no money to pay their workers' new immigrants, are exempt wages and I have nothing I can tell from paying municipal taxes.

them," Suissa said.

David Milgrom, head of the Finance Ministry's budget division, said the ministry is trying not to deviate from the budget and any additional funds for the local authorities would open up discussions among other bodies.

The committee decided to create a sub-comminee with the Finance Committee to hold immediate discussions with the prime minister, finance minister and others in an attempt to solve the problem.

Maxim Levy (Gesher), former Lod mayor, blamed the govern-ment and said it is close-minded to the problem.

Former finance minister Avraham Shohat (Labor) said the government had prepared the budget without serious thought "and most of the ministers raised their hands [to vote] without knowing

Also earlier, ULA head Adi Eldar said the heads would not take down their protest tent outside the Prime Minister's Office. He said the finance minister is ignoring and belittling the council heads and does not take into account such problems as the fact that in some towns some 40 percent of the residents, mainly

Olmert takes stand in own defense

By RAINE MARCUS

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, on trial in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on charges of fraud and breach of trust, took the stand in his

own defense yesterday. He is charged with fraudulently trying to obtain government funds for the 1988 Likud election campaign – he was campaign treasurer – by declaring that contributions were coming from abroad. According to the prosecution, he failed to declare that he was getting illegal donations from corporations and gave false invoices stating that money was for advertising services.

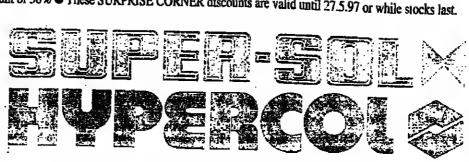
Olment testified that he had not been in charge of donations from Israeli companies, but that those responsible. Yona Peled and Menahent Atzmon, had been tried and convicted for the offenses he was on trial for.

"That year I was extremely busy," said Olmert. "I had no time to think about anything. I had to appear every evening at three or four places

as part of our campaign."
According to Olmert, Atzmon was in charge of contributions to the party. "I trusted him and Peled implicitly," he added. After his testimony, Olmen told reporters that he had not committed any crime.

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Qatar won't cancel next Mideast economic summit

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Qatar this week rebuffed high-level appeals from Syria to dismantle its links with Israel and cancel the fourth annual Middle East and North Africa Economic Conference, scheduled to be held in Doha next November.

According to the Saudi-owned daily al-Hayat, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara lobbied Oatar to close Israel's trade office in Doha and refrain from hosting the conference in the absence of a "just and comprehensive peace."

Shara later traveled to Jedda, where he joined Syrian Vice President Abdel Halim Khaddam for talks with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd as part of Syria's efforts to rally Arab support for its position in its deadlocked talks with Israel. In Doha, Shara delivered a verbal message from Syrian President Sheikh Hamad bin-Khalifa Al Thani. Al-Hayat did not give details about the message but renorted extensively on talks between Shara and his Qatari counterpart. Sheikh Hamad bin-Jassem bin-Jabr Al Thani.

It said Shara stressed the importance of a "unified and cohesive Arab position" in face of Prime Minister Netanyahu's "anti-peace policy," insisting that such a stand was the only way of "changing Netanyahu's expansionist mentality to a peaceful one that adheres to the land-for-peace principle and achieves international legitimacy."

In Doha Foreign Ministry spokesman Fawaz al-Aniyah confirmed that Qatar would host the economic forum as planned, but said it was premature to discuss whether Israel would be invited. There was, he added, ample time for "positive developments" that would put the peace talks back on

Attiyah stressed Qatar's support for Syria's demand that talks with Israel must resume at the point where they were suspended 15 months ago by the Labor-led govemment.

Attiyah said Qatar had frozen the activities of the Israeli trade office and all other links with Israel. In Jeddah. Sharaa and Khaddam delivered a message to Saudi King Fahd from Assad which a Syrian source said related to "obstacles affecting the peace

process as a result of Netanyahu's intransigent policy, and ways of vitalizing the process by contacting some influential capitals, principally Washington, to pressure Tel Aviv and force it to resume the

Washington is expected to provoke intense intra-Arab controversy by insisting that the Doha conference proceed as planned and that Israel be invited to send a top-



Betar Jerusalem players score for youth program

Soccer players from the national champions, Betar Jerusalem, take a break yesterday on the grass of Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium with a group of Arab and Jewish youth taking part in a one-day happening of the Rosh Pina Mainstreaming Network. The group integrates youngsters with developmental difficulties and their peers without disabilities for after-school activities.

Former concentration camp guard to be deported from US

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A retired baker who was a concentration camp guard for the Nazis will be deported for taking Jews and others on a death march to Auschwitz, US government prosecutors announced on Monday.

The deportation order for Nikolaus Schiffer, 78, came from Immigration Judge John Gossert Jr., who said he tormented prisoners at three concentration camps in Germany

"Schiffer personally testified to his participation in a death march from Hersbruck to Auschwitz on which weakened prisoners were could not continue." Gossert said
Monday.

as a guard at five concentration
camps. He had lived in the US

Schiffer, who admitted to being a guard but denied knowing of the atrocities within the camps. will be deported to Romania.

The telephone number at his home in New Ringgold, 60 miles northwest of Philadelphia, was unlisted and he could not be reached for comment.

Schiffer becomes the latest in a series of former Nazi camp guards to be ordered out of the country.

Ferdinand Hammer, 75, a retired foundty worker, was ordered in April to be deported to

Also last month, a federal judge in Chicago tevoked the US cltizenship of Bronislaw Hajda, 73, saying the retired machinist lied when he denied participating in a massacre of hundreds of Jews at the Treblinka death camp. The Justice Department is

seeking to have him deported.

Prosecutors said Schiffer joined the Romanian army when was allied with Germany, and

later served in the Waffen SS. Schiffer was an armed guard on Іавог details

concentration camps in Germany and the Majdanek camp and Trawniki SS training camp in Poland, the government charged.

He was stripped of his US citi-

zenship in 1993 and ordered to leave the country by a federal judge, clearing the way for deportation proceedings. Another Pennsylvania man.

Jonas Stelmokas, 80. of Lansdowne, was stripped of his US citizenship in 1995 after prosecutors claimed he helped Nazis massacre thousands of Lithuanian Jews.

Stelmokas denied the charge and has fought attempts to have Sachsenhausen and Hetsbruck him deported.

Lag Ba'Omer to be marked Saturday night

By JUDY SIEGEL

Five days before Lag Ba'Omer, the area around the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai is already full of families who have put up tents and are waiting for the festivities of Saturday night and Sunday. The people are believed to have come early because the holiday begins right after Shabbat and to get a good place closer to the tomb.

According to Magen David Adom, some 200,000 celebrants are expected on Mt. Meron. near Safed, on Lag Ba'Omer. MDA will provide first aid services from Friday at 10 a.m. until Sunday night. Four doctors and 60 medics, paramedics, and volunteers will be on duty at the site.

MDA urged parents to be present at all bonfires and to ensure that children are kept at a distance from the

fire. In case of burns, extinguish the fire and move the victim to a safe distance. Pull his head gently backwards to expand his airways. Cool the burn with water and cover it with sterile gauze. Call MDA.

Lag Ba'Omer (the 33rd day of the Omer, or 18 lyar) marks a respite in the month-long period of mourning during which no weddings are performed or hair cut. It marks the halt of the plague killing of disciples of Rabbi Akiva during their participation in Bar Kochba's revolt against the Romans.

The Chief Rabbinate called on the public not to violate Shabbat in preparation for Lag Ba'Omer bonfires. The lighting of the central borrfire on the tomb at Meron has been postponed to noon Sunday to prevent Sabbath desecration, the rabbis

British lottery awards £279,155 to New Israel Fund

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Three Middle Eastoriented groups are among the 130 . I British charities named yesterday to share a £25 million windfall from British lottery funds.

The largest award to a Londonbased Middle East charity went to the New Israel Fund, which was awarded £279,155 for a project "to provide Beduin children in the Negev Desert with improved educational opportunities.

The Friends of the Spafford Children's Center of Jerusalem was awarded £97,500 to help Palestinian children overcome behavioral and learning difficulties. The Friends of Bir Zeit University received a grant of £211,407 "to improve the quality of life for the most disadvantaged groups within Palestinian society."

'It's brainwashing,' says an opponent of the 'teshuva' movement

movement and a leader of Ila, the Association to Fight Haredi Domination.

Mahler, 63, a plastic surgeon and Ben-Gunon University professor, has little in common with the Fenso and Aviv families, who live in poor neighborhoods in Tel Aviv. He lives in a posh section of Ramat Aviv and - if one can judge by his professional credentials and the art and library in his home - belongs to the country's affluent elite.

Yet, like the Aviv and Fenso families, he also has a son who left the secular fold to become haredi. Although Mahler does not like to talk about it, he regards his son's decision as his personal loss, a loss which still rankles after 13 years. It presumably was a major

is a difference between the trans formation of his son, who was 20 at the time, and the teenage boys of Rachel Fenso and Rina Aviv. It the targeting of children so

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young that angers him so much. The process of hazara bershuva has nothing to do with gaining knowledge," said Mahler, quoting from an article written for Ila's newsletter by Tel Aviv University psychologist David Green, "What is involved is a rapid change in thinking without opportunity for

the gradual development of opin-

Mahler acknowledged that there dence. Hazara betshuva is a dras- than any of the officially designat- An Arachim seminar 16 years is true. Therefore, I decided to base, are put up in a hotel for four tic and rapid change from one philosophy to another, requiring a total and sweeping change in all customs and ways of life.

The change demanded by the proponent of hazara betshuva involves accepting a package deal. which includes assertions that there is a God, that the truth handed down by this God is the one and only truth, that there is no other truth, and that anything outside this package is a lie and an abomination. The lifestyle in this closed system obliges changes in eating habits, dress, language, attitudes to work, the state and its laws, and

everyone outside the system." According to Mahler, for the process to be successful, the hozer betshava must be isolated from all the influences of his old life - fam-

ily, friends, society, and the state.
"The nuclear family is the strongest foundation in the life of every child. The preacher must destroy this source of opposition to clear the way for the victim to be dragged to his intended goal," said Mahler.

Converts are brainwashed into giving up their former lives. This is achieved by holding a series of lectures, while putting off rest, sleep, and food. The preaching can take several days. While the lecturers alternate, the audience stays in place. The lectures are interesting and the preachers charismatic." Mahler compared the technique

used by teshava organizations to brainwashing methods first revealed in the West after the Korean War. He said scientific studies have proven that highly educated listeners can be persuaded by charismatic speakers, even when what they say is nonsense. He also argued that the teshura movement has more of the culldefining characteristics listed a

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lla wants to take rabbis who have persuaded minors to leave home to court on charges of violating the Custodian Law. Yosef Paritzky, a Tel Aviv lawyer, has volunteered his services. So far. however, no family has taken up One reason. Mahler says, is by

the time parents might consider such action, it is too late. Parents wake up late to the process their children are undergoing, because of the residual guilt they feel for not being observant themselves, and because the preachers do not reveal their goal of making their children haredi until much later on. In contrast to Mahler, Yosef Walis, director of Arachim, one of the biggest of the teshuva movements, flatly states that his organization's goal is " kiruy, that is, to bring people who feel far away

from observing Torah and mitzvot closer to practicing mitzvot. People want to know and hear. They feel a vacuum. Then there is a higher intent. We want them to practice Judaism." Walis, 50, is himself a hozer beishuva. He said he had been a suc-

cessful engineer and businessman and lived many years in the US. Dressed in a dark suit and spon-

ing a white, cropped beard and white hair, Walis is articulate and worldly. He knows how to speak to secular Jews in a way that will not offend them. He is also totally dedicated to bringing them into the haredi fold. We believe that if the Jewish

people live according to the Torah, as individuals and within the family, we will have a much botterfunctioning and healthier society," he said. "We believe this path was set down by the Creator. The Torah is a guide to life on all lev-

go convinced Walis that "there is a Creator of the Universe, that He handed down the commandments to the Jewish nation at Mt. Sinai and that those commandments are binding on Jews for all times.

"These three principles are vital to the Jewish people, but people are so ignorant. They learn nothing in the state secular education

become active. Almost every hozer betshuva has a sense of mission, because there is so much emptiness and ignorance. We must spread the message."

Walis stressed the rational and scientific aspects of the process of persuasion used by his organization. He focused on the seminars. in which entire families, properly

judging whether or not the Torah and ensure a common intellectual or five consecutive days to hear lectures on all aspects of Judaism.

"The seminars are intended primarily for people on a high intellectual level," said Walis. "Usually, after the seminar, the families want to make a change, sometimes gradual, other times drastic."

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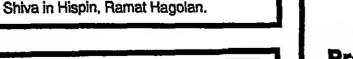
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Murder trial begins for 2 British nurses in Saudi Arabia

KHCBAR, Saudi Arabia (AP) -Saudi prosecutors opened their beheaded. case vesterday against two British nurses charged with the murder of an Australian co-worker, court sources said.

The proseculors presented new evidence, the sources said, speaking on customary condition of anonymity. They would not, however, give any details on the evi-

The British nurses, Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan. were brought to Khobar Supreme Court in a prison van with iron shackles on their ankles. They were accompanied by a female prison warden.

The women were dressed in black cloaks and looked drawn and strained as they arrived at the first floor courtroom escorted by half a dozen policemen.

Their British and Saudi lawyers. accompanied by two translators, waited on benches outside the courtroom for the women to arrive. Parry and McLauchlan shuffled the 50 meters to the room with difficulty, their heavy iron chains banging against the cement

Police prevented reporters and photographers from entering the courtroom, and lawyers refused to answer questions.

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The hearing lasted over two

The trial opened Monday. In that session, lawyers representing the family of victim Yvonne Gilford demanded the death penalty for Parry, 41, and McLauchlan, 31, 1f convicted, the women could be

At the opening session before the three-judge tribunal, the murder charges were read out in Arabic and translated into English. The nurses, in clear, firm tones, pleaded innocent in English. according to sources who observed the proceedings.

In a statement, the women's lawyers urged the Gilford family not to take advantage of an Islamic religious tradition to which they do not belong." Under Islamic law, which is enforced in Saudi Arabia, the victim's fam.ly has the right to demand the death

penalty or accept blood money.
Gilford's body was found Dec. 11 in her room at the King Find Military Medical Complex in the eastern Saudi city of Dhahan. where the three worked. Khobar is adjacent to Dhahran.

Saudi authorities said Gilford was stabbed four times, beaten and suffocated.

Local newspaper reports said McLauchlan and Parry vere arrested after using Gilford's credit cards to withdraw money from her bank account. The nurses' lawyers deny the women used Gilford's cards.

Saudi authorities said the two women confessed to the muder. but their lawyers said they did so only because they were told they would not face prosecution i they confessed. They later recented, their lawyers said.

when the country's new leader The court's next meeting is would arrive in his capital. Hamuli made no mention of Kabila's expected announcement of a new government yesterday, but another aide said that was still

the intention. Planning and development adviser Babi Mbai, who has been consulting politicians and business leaders in Kinshasa, was asked if Kabila would name his transitional team as promised. He lold reporters: "The deadline expires today." State radio, renamed Voice of Congo, said members of Kabila's alliance were "in consultation with political personalities notably Euenne Tshisekedi", the most prominent opposition leader

were unaccounted for.

public yesterday.

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Laureni Kabila and his rebel army

aimed at "the elimination of all

response from the Kabila govern-

Of 1.2 million Rwandan and

Burundi refugees living in Zairian

camps before Kabila's rebels began their offensive, 900,000 returned to

their home countries, the report

residents besieged the airport road

ending a day of confusion over

One newspaper, Le Potentiel, predicted that Kabila would make the transition to a new constitution and, ultimately, full-scale elec-

dent of the renamed Democratic Republic of Congo on Saturday as his forces entered Kinshasa a day after Moburu relinquished power



Supporters of rebel leader Laurent Kabila await his return to Kinshasa.

Lubumbashi

But he has so far remained in the second city of Lubumbashi, far to the east, and while a DC-9 plane carrying his aides and lop officials left there for Kinshasa earlier in the day, there was no sign of Kabila himself.

Zambian President Frederick Chiluba's plane landed at the airport in Lubumbashi earlier, apparently to fly out Kabila, and rebel alliance troops secured the area.

But after the DC-9 left for Kinshasa, troops withdrew from around Chiluba's aircraft aboard two trucks, giving the impression that oo tak "We do not discuss the presi-

denr's movements," said a senior rebel official. Crowds started surging towards Kinshasa airport on the eastern

outskirts of the city of five million prople following rumors that

Kabila's alliance soldiers, who captured Kinshasa at the weekend after a seven-month guerrilla advance from the eastern border with Rwanda, kepl the excited crowds from getting too close to the airport, which is closed to commercial traffic but believed to be in operating condition.

The ailing Mobutu prolonged his stay in the West African state of Togo on health grounds yesterday after his flight into exile left him "very, very weak," a government

Mobutu, stricken with cancer, rived in the Sunday night on a Russian-made cargo plane from his jungle palace Gbadolite in the extreme north of his country.

An unconfirmed report on Togo television said Mobutu had to leave Gbadolite in a hurry and that rebels fired on the plane as it took

him on the first leg of his flight into exile.

Alliance finance adviser Mawampanga Mwana Nanga told reporters it would stick to its promise to hold elections within one year, but that Mobutu's supporters would be excluded from a transitional government. Asked by reporters if and when there would be elections,

Mawampanga "Definitely...The (Kabila) has said within 12 months." The United States and South Africa have led appeals to the alliance to form a broad-based overnment in the wake of their victory including members of the civilian opposition to Mobutu.

Individual politicians, but not political parties, would be represented in the transitional government and Mobutu supporters

54 injured in Cyprus 'peace' concert

News agencies

NICOSIA - The traditional culm of Cyprus was shattered by a night of rioting by Greek Cyprious angered at a UN-sponsored concert that was intended to promote reconciliation on this divided

The Cyprus government last night strongly condemned the riot-ing in the capital.

The violence, among the worst to hit the usually quiet city in recent years, injured 54 in nearly three hours of clashes between youths and riot potice.

There was a sad discord by irresponsible troublemakers who committed unacceptable acts. including assaults and vandalisms aimed at obstructing citizens of the republic in exercising their constitutional right to gather peacefully and declare their desire for the peaceful co-existence of Greek and Turkish Cypriots," said spokesnian Manolis Christofides.

Fifty-four people were arrested and were to appear in court later today, police said. "Their aim was to break through the roudblocks and to terrorise people. When that failed they resorted to all this hooliganism," said police spokesman Glafcos Xenos.

Town workers worked all night to clean up the streets strewn with smashed window glass, smouldering plastic dumpsters, bricks and stones. The area looked almost normal yesterday, apart from a few smashed shop windows.

The protesters initially tried to storm Monday night's concert in the UN-patrolled zone that splits the capital into Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot sectors.

Helmeted riot police manning barbed-wire barricades around the concert site used clubs and tear gas to push back the demonstralors. They retreated, then smashed the windows of stores and lit bonfires in the streets.

Police spokesman Glafcos Xenos said shops on six streets sustained damage. He said that seven police vehicles and two motorcycles also were damaged.

There was no immediate estimate of the cost of the damages. The concert, organized jointly

by the United States and the to bring together young people from both the North and South since the island's unofficial partiuon in 1974. The 4,000 Greek Cypriot and

Turkish Cypriol leen-agers estimated by the United Nations in the audience seemed to ignore the protests, many of them singing and dancing together in rare scenes of harmony.

Resident Representative Gustave Feissel hailed the concert as a success despite the rioting.

"The young people sent the right message across the island, which hopefully will be received by the others," said Feissel.

There had been opposition to the concert on both sides of the island. Some had to do with the date of its staging.

Monday marked the annual "Day of Mourning and Remembrance" observed in both Greece and Cyprus for 350,000 Greeks from the Black Sea region killed by Turkish troops in a series Of pogroms at the end of World

Woman pilot's court-martial for adultery put on hold

MINOT, North Dakota (AP) -Court-martial proceedings were delayed yesterday for the first US woman B-52 bomber pilot as court officials awaited the Pentagon's permission to go ahead.

The pilot, 1st Lt. Kelly Flinn,

faces trial on charges of adultery and disobedience.

"We're in a holding mode," Air Force spokesman Maj, Joe LaMarca said. He said Pentagon approval was needed because of to resign with an honorable discharge instead of face trial on charges of adultery, lying and dis-obedience. He called it "standard procedure" when such a request is

Air Force officials in Minot asked the Pentagon for the go-ahead and

mercial satellites.

spokesman Ivan Safronov.

MOSCOW (AP) - A booster rocket carrying a Russian military satellite exploded less than a

minute after launch yesterday, dealing another blow to Russia's beleaguered space program

and casting doubt over deals to launch com-

The 460-ton Zenit-2 booster crashed on the

steppe in a powerful blast as its first-stage

engine failed 48 seconds after it was launched

from Kazakstan's Baikonur cosmodrome at

11:07 a.m. said Russia's military space force

There were no casualties, as local resident

were evacuated from nearby villages as a regu-

lar precaution. Russia has an agreement win

Kazakstan to use Baikonur, the former Sovet



1st Lt. Kelly Flinn .

did not know when they would get a response, LaMarca sid.

Earlier yesterday, Ilinn entered the base courthouse irfull blue military garb, remaining stem and quiet in the presenceof reporters.

under the toppled regime of presideni Mobutu Sese Seko.

Felicopters spotted fragments of the two-

state, 57-meter long booster and the Kosmos

seies military satellite some 13 km from the

A commission has begun an investigation no the reasons for the failure, the spokesman

said. Officials put the damage at 100 billion

Baikonur were making final preparations for

the launch of an American communications

The Telstar 5 satellite, built by the US Space

Systems Loral company and intended for tele-

vision broadcasts, is to put into orbit by a

The failed launch came as workers in

rubles (\$17.2 milliont.

satellite scheduled for Saturday.

Kabila declared himself presi-

Russian satellite launcher explodes Deprived of the ample funding and pres-tige it enjoyed during the Soviet era, Russia's ailing space industry has pinned its

hopes for survival on commercial satellite launches as well as other international pro-A string of recent accidents on board the Mir orbiting station — including a small fire, a coolant leak and a failure of the main oxygen-

generating system - have added to Russia's Yesterday's accident was the Zenit-2's 28th launch and seventh failure since 1985. It came

as a blow not only to Russia, but also to the neighboring former Soviet republic of Ukraine, which provides some 40 percent of components for the missile.

British virgins celebrated

LONDON (AP) — A group of and 65, at the ceremony. They catholic women held a special are not nuns, but lay women who Catholic mass to celebrate their consecration as virgins in the church — a practice that returned to Britain in the 1970s after centuries of disuse, a church spokesman said yester-

The women celebrated their virginity vows, which include pledges to devote their lives to prayer and good works, at a spe-cial mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary and St. Boniface in Plymouth.

News reports said there were

are not nuns, but lay women who had previously taken vows of celibacy.

"It's an old tradition in the Catholic church, where people consecrate themselves to a life of virginity," said the Rev. Kieran Conry, a church spokesman. "I don't know how many there

are in this country or around the world, but it is back," Conry

Elizabeth Bailey, who in 1972 became the first consecrated virgin in Britain in modern times, was the organizer of the special

Afghan Taleban stalk Shi'ite city

Union's main cosmodrome, for some of its Proton-K booster.

Islamic forces within five kilometers of Bamiyan

said its forces had captured he strategic Shibar Pass yesterlay and had advanced to within five km of the Shi'ite stronghol of Bamiyan in central Afghanisan. Mullah Said Mohamad Haqqani, a Taleban spokeman,

said Taleban fighters "coul enter Bamiyan any time this eveling."
There was no independent confirmation of the reported gain by the Taleban, who have ben trying for months to dislodge the Shi ite opposition Hezb-i-Wahtat faction

from the Shibar Pass. But an opposition pokesman denied previous claims by the Taleban that they had seized the strategic pass which leads to Bamiyan and also commands a

route to the noth.

The Talebaramacked in Sheikh
Ali (at the foolof the Shiber Pass)
at around 9 m. and the attack continued unit around 2 p.m.," he said, "The aut k was repulsed and they left som casualties there. At

the moment its all quiet." Hezb-i-Wallat is one of three main faction in a loose anti-Taleban alliace formed after the

KABUL (Reuter) - The fund. / Islamic movement captured the mentalist Islamic Taleban milita Afghan capital Kabul in

September. . The alliance took a body blow on Monday when General Abdul Malik, a key commander in the forces of northern General Abdul Rashid Dostum, lauoched a pro-Taleban uprising in the north.

"(General Abdul Rashid) Dostum will soon drown in the people's anger, because the people are mujahideen (strugglers) who have given sacrifices and want an Islamic government," said Taleban Information Minister

Amir Khan Mutaqi. The Taleban already control Kabul and most of the country. Maulvi Wakil Ahmad, a Taleban official based in the southern city of Kandahar, said anti-Dostum forces had seized Konduz and Sari-Pul, capitals of Kunduz and

Jowzjan provinces yesterday. But Mutaqi told a news conference in Kabul later yesterday that the Taleban had captured all of two provinces in the north. Faryab and Sar-i-Pul have been totally captured and Islamic flags are flying over them." Mutaqi



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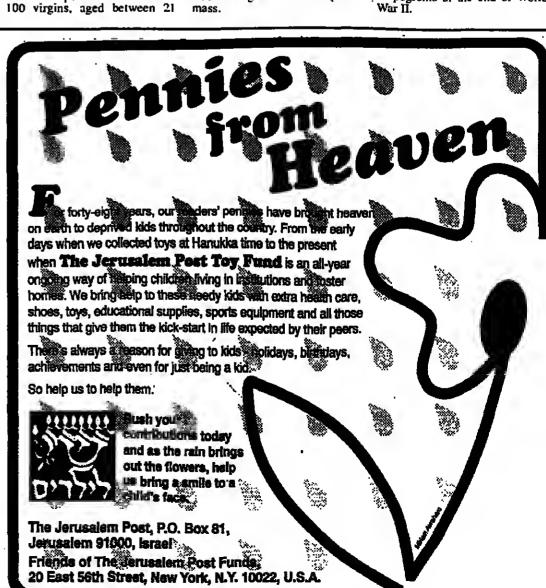
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Diplomatic moves

The chair-shuffling exercise likely to be triggered by the reassignment of Ambassador to the United Stales Eliahu Ben-Elissar is a welcome and overdue sign of readjustment within the Netanyahu government. It should be the beginning, rather than the end. of a wider house-cleaning as the government approaches the end of its first year in office.

In this initial round of changes. Ben-Elissar will reportedly return to some senior post in Israel, and foreign policy adviser Dore Gold, or perhaps former ambassador Zalman Shoval will replace him in Washington. Communications adviser David Bar-Illan will become Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, while former Mossad research chief Uzi Arad is slated to replace Gold as Netanyahu's chief foreign policy adviser.

All of these changes make sense, but most important is the change that allows all of this to happen - the removal of Ben-Elissar. Though Ben-Elissar had already served as Israel's first anibassador to Egypt, there were doubts from the beginning whether he was the right man for Washington.

Ben-Elissar is a politician at heart, and while some politicians make good diplomats, he has proved not to be such an exception. It is the job of a diplomat to soften edges, bridge differences, soothe egos, and press the flesh. While any diplomat must remember whom they are representing and not succumb to "clientitus," neither is the siege mentality of a right-wing ideologue appropriate for Washington. It is a bit late in the game, for example, for Ben-Elissar to have avoided meeting Arafat in Washington. Diplomacy is a high art in Washington, demanding convictions and a strong center, but also

subilety and access to the principals back home. Ben-Elissar, as a compromise choice between Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy. did not begin his tenure with Netanyahu's trust. nor did he build trust over time. For months now. Netanyahu has reportedly felt that "we have no ambassador in Washington." Israel can learn from past mistakes.

needs an ambassador who understands Washington and Americans, has the confidence of the prime minister, and can work with the foreign minister.

Given Ben-Elissar's failings, Levy should not be allowed to veto the removal of "his man" in Washington. Normally, the foreign minister should have a strong say in the appointment of ambassadors. But Levy has abused that right by insisting on a string of awful diplomatic appointments. Uri Oren, a long-time Levy associate, was appointed ambassador to South Africa, despite scathing criticism of his poor performance as consul-general in Los Angeles. And Levy demanded that Shmuel Siso be appointed consul-general in New York, despite his inability to even speak English.

Ambassadorial appointments are known world over to be susceptible to cronyism, and sometimes as a dumping ground for politicians who must simultaneously be rewarded and exiled, In the US, the Bush administration got in trouble for naming some ambassadors whose only qualification seemed to be that they had given over \$100,000 to the Republican party.

Israel is not, however, on such diplomatically secure ground, even in the best of times, that it can afford to play politics with the most important posts around the world. It is a scandal, for example, that for almost year Israel has had no permanent ambassador at the United Nations, because Netanyahu and Levy until now have failed to agree on a nominatioo.

The package of appointments now under discussion reflects the sort of seriousness that should have been in evidence from the beginning of the Netanyahu government, but it is better late than never. If, however, the prime minister cannot get his way even on these postings. it is bard to see how he will tackle the cabinet shuffle that remains poised in the air since Ya'acov Ne'eman's acquittal, Cleaning house alone may not be sufficient to put the government on a smoother track, but it is certainly necessary, and will be a good sign that Netanyahu

The French way

British political revolution to cross the Channel will be disappointed. If "fresh" is an appropriate word to describe the new British parliament, in France "fudge" probably will still do.

At the end of the 1990s, France is acquiring a faded patina of the 1890s like an old dowager lost in her memories of past glamor. In a wurld gone fanatical on free marketry and high technology as a kind of economic religion, it is difficult not to look at France with a certain wistful admiration - while being perfectly aware that its old ways really don't work any niore.

France is having trouble coming to grips with the dawn of a new century because it is so reluctant to part with the coniforts of the old one. The resistance is compounded by the fact that its leaders insist on seeing the lean and shiny new econnnic policies as suspiciously "Anglo-Saxon" - that cultural huzzword that makes every patriotic Frenchman shudder. Thus we saw such odd anomalies as the fact that France was the first European country to be "wired" to its excellent Minitel computer network a decade before anyone else came up with a similar idea and yet it is among the last to embrace and exploit the global Internet. The suspicion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trance has entered its last week of cam- remains that Minitel was a success because it paigning before voters go to the polls on was perceived culturally as quintessentially Sunday, but anyone expecting the recent French, while the Internet - horror of horrors is another dread Anglo-Saxon conspiracy.

> This observation is meant to be somewhat whimsical - but it does illustrate the image of total confusion that has marked the current election campaign. While seeking some sense of France's identity in the new world, its politicians seem bent on carving their place in it with blunt and ancient tools. Although center-right Prime Minister Alain Juppe is preaching tax cuts, more privatization, smaller government, and strict adherence to the measures needed for a single European currency, the leftist opposition leader. Lionel Jospin, remains a believer in the state and wants to create another 350,000 public sector lobs. He is against privatization, for the welfare state and workers' rights, and for a 35-hour work week with no pay cuts. Jospin certainly will not be mistaken for the Bill Clinton or Tony Blair of the French left.

> Of course, even if he wins the election, France will hardly expect any lurch to the left as the country will return to another absurdly Gallic institution, cahabitation, where Jospin would share unequal power with the rightist President Jacques Chirac. As the (appropriately) French proverb says - the more things change, the more likely they are to stay the same.

THE ISRAEL POLICE

Sir, - It would be incredible if we hadn't heard it with our own ears: Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his stooges accuse the police of "trying to overthrow the legally elected government" by underhand means!

Who controls the police? Since last May, not the Labor opposition, but Netanyahu's own govemment. If there are corrupt "elements," motivated by political prejudice, within his own police, why didn't Netanyahu root them

out during the past 10 months? Who asked the "corrupt" police to investigate the allegations? None other than Binyamin Netanyahu

himself! MISHA LOUVISH

Jerusalem.

RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM

Sir. - The advertisement, "Dennis, go home!" (May 81 is in the worst of bad taste and should never have been accepted. While freedom of speech is sacrosanct, as is an editor's right to publish what he finds acceptable, there must surely be a level where invective of the type used in the ad ought not to be printed.

KENNETH BERG

Netanya,

Sir. - Does the Israel Broadcasting Authority really intend to cut out the English TV news? I cannot think of a more inappropriate cut than this. The English news counteracts the slanted and false news on the BBC, CNN and Sky, so why give them a free field to spread their insidious propaganda? I think it is worth every agora spent on the right of the non-Hebrew-speaking world to know what is really happening. They should cut out part of some talk-show instead.

ENGLISH TV NEWS

EVA MEISLER Jerusaleni.

WONDERFUL NEWS

Sir. - Just as in every other place, newspaper headlines seem inevitably to discourage the reader and convince him her that everything is bad and getting worse. For that reason, it was wonderful to read of the Supreme Court decision concerning the granting of the Israel Prize for Journalism to Mr. Schnitzer in the light of his sordid attack on his fellow Jews for reasons that are best dismissed with disgust.

Omer.

DR. A.D. SOLOMON

Psagot

FAN SHILEI

A CHINESE CONNECTION

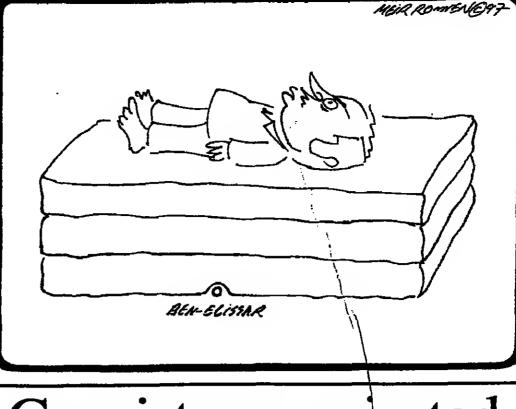
Sir. - Ten years ago, when I was in China, I read a report in English on president Chaim Herzog and was deeply affected by his glorious achievements. So that more people in China should know him, wrote a long article on him in Chinese in 1992 in an important magazine in China. President Herzog received me in Beijing on December 1992, when he visited

Five years ago, my father visited Israel. President Herzog received him in his office in Jerusalem, and gave him and me his book, Heroes of Israel, which with the help of my father, I translated into Chinese, and published last year in China. After studying in a yeshiva

preparation, I'm worried that he for over a year in Jerusalem, I am and my mother are no longer eatnow studying for a master's ing wisely. degree here. I wrote to him in September last lives near our parents in year, and he replied, inviting me to Olympia, Washington. "Mom

dinner. I am overcome with regret at his death.

President Herzog will live forever in our hearts; his courageous spirit will always inspire



Coexistence rejected

ost amid the furor over the government's decision to build at Har Homa is the more significant question of why mosr Palestinians reject the idea of permanent Jewish settlement in the occupied territories.

A recent sample of 1,152 Palestinians surveyed by the Media Communication Center revealed that only 24 percent believed Jewish settlers should be permitted to remain under Palestinian sovereignty in a future Palestinian

From this figure two disturbing questions arise: Why the overwhelming rejection of Jews in the territories, and what does this

rejection mean? Palestinian opposition to the settlements seems to be centered around three general assumptions. each of which overestimates the threat posed by the Jewish settlements to the security, sovereignty and dignity of a future Palestinian

These assumptions, rarely analyzed in the media, need closer evaluation in order 10 better understand Palestinians' rejections of the senlers.

Assumption 1: The settlers represent a demographic threat to the Arab character of a future Palestine.

This argument has little factual merit, as only 11 percent of people residing in the West Bank are Jews. When the Gaza Strip is included the figure drops to 7 per-

Even if Jewish settlement continues at the same pace over the next four years as over the last four, the Jewish population will still only make up around 10-12 percent of the total population in the territories by the year 2001, taking birthrates into account.

Furthermore, this percentage could decrease significantly if the already-existing settlements just east of the Green Line are annexed to Israel under a final status arrangement.

These demographics suggest that when a Palestinian state comes into being, Arabs, and not Jews, will permanently control the levers of power, and with it the distribution of economic and natural resources. Even with Jewish settlements dotting the land, the future Palestinian state will

or decades, my mother was a

staunch disciple of the cele-

brated nutritionists Gayelord

Hauser and Adelle Davis. My

brother, sister and I ate what other

My mother stirred brewers'

yeast into our fruir juice, black-

strap molasses into our milk. She

put soy flour in the biscuits and

Once, after buying a vegetable

juicer, the family drank so much

carrot juice that our palms turned

My mother had a stratagem to

get us started on new foods. If she

wanted us to try wheat germ,

she'd sprinkle a little on our oat-

meal. Each week she'd add more.

Soon we were devouring bowls of

Now, time has played a similar

trick on her - but with a cruel

reversal. Bit by bit, Alzheimer's

disease has erased the nutritional

knowledge from the table of my

Since my father, along with

many other tasks, has had to take

over the shopping and meal

I call my brother, who still

and Dad are fine," he assures me.

"I had a great supper with them

last week." "What did you

When I fly home for a visit, I

find the yogurt maker and canis-

ters of whole grain flour gather-

ing dust. The freezer is full of piz-

have?" I ask. "Brownies," he

kids ate, but enhanced.

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the stuff.

mother's memory.

STEPHEN RUKEN

fundamentally and overwhelmingly Arab.

Assumption 2: Jewish senters represent a security threat to the future Palestinian state.

The senlers the Palestinians fear most are those in the strongest opposition to the creation of such a state. It seems reasonable to assume, however, that the majority of those strongly opposed — with

Why the Palestinian objection to Jews in the territories. and what does it mean?

the possible exception of the "messianically-inclined" — would leave Palestine once it came into existence, and return to Israel.

The settlers who choose to stay across the Green Line might not fully support the new Palestinian state, but they would probably be willing to live peaceably in it, or at least give it a try.

Of course, the trickiest issue for both the Palestinian and Israeli governments is to ensure the physical security of both the Arab and Jewish communities in

Palestine. If the Palestinian government were to choose to disarm the settlers, it could expect a significant increase in Israeli and international pressure to protect its minority Jewish population — in other words, to behave as any reasonable government must.

Assumption 3: The settlements are a cultural affront to Palestinian

Driving through the West Bank, one can better understand how the Palestinians came to view Jewish settlements (especially those on hilltops) as a symbol of Israeli

oppression and arrogance. But it is necessary to look beyond symbolism and be pracrical. Aside from isolated incidents of settler extremism, are the settlements themselves causing the Palestinians significant harm? Do the West Bank and Gaza economies suffer from their exis-

My mother can't remember

JENIJOY LA BELLE

Offering to fix dinner, I head for

the supermarket. When I return in

the afternoon, my parents are sit-

ting by the fire chatting and eat-

"Why are you eating that," I scold, "when you know I'm plan-

tastes good," my mother says.

She has

Alzheimer's. But so

what - she's in

love, and happy

"And it goes well with wine."

adds my father, pointing to two

NEXT moming, my boyfriend

My mother is bewildered by the

'What's a blintz?" she asks.

"Oh, Mama," I say impatiently,

"you know all about French toast.

You've made it 1,000 times." But

I speak more in sorrow than in

My mother finally orders an

omelet. "I'm not sure what it is,"

she confides to me, "but I think I

I can't always follow the leaps

of her mind, but this time I do.

and it cuts to the heart. My moth-

er was an English teacher. Now

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"What's a waffle? What's a

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French toast?"

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ing chocolate pudding.

the lettlers as usurpers of natural resources, and seitlement expansionlas unfairly intrusive, a more positive approach for both groups would be to recognize the senle-mens as potential assets in a futur Palestine

While the Palestinians may view

The settlers' relatively high levels of education and wealth, combindd with their extensive contacts(with businesses in Israel. leaves them poised to make significant contributions to the grown of the Palestinian econo-

WHA, then, does Palestinian rejection of the settlements mean? If one accepts the notion that the principle of national self-determination hould apply to residents of the territories, then it is logical to sympatize with Palestinian opposition b any current or future increase of settlement activity, on the grounds that such decisions would be more appropriately made by the Palestinians themselves rather than by the Israeli governntnt,

However, the message that the vasi majerity of Palestinians convey in rjecting existing Jewish settlements is that the two groups cannot and should not coexist together | - at least not in Palestine

The disturbing implication is that the uture Palestinian state will not bossess a fundamental characteritic of any mature, stable state: the full acceptance of minorities jving within its bound-

Rather than emphasizing the extent to thich Jewish settlements threatn the peace process. Palestinian dites should be reas-suring Jews and Palestinians alike that the settles must receive full minority right

This would apresent an important early step i lowering the psy-chological barriers that exist between Jewis settlers and Arabs, and reasure both groups that the future Paestine will be a secure and fair plice in which to

The writer is a research assistant at the Jaffee Center or Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, and a doctoral candidate a political science at the University of

scrambled together into mening-

When her order arrives my

mother drizzles honey over it She

strews blue and pink packet of

sweetener on top. She gives the

mess a good snr with her spon,

then pushes it away. She may

have Alzheimer's, but she's to

She leans close to my fath

and begins eating his pancake

Suddenly she notices the litt

glass of maple syrup. "Is that

whiskey?" she asks in astonish

For a giddy instant I hope ir is

I'd gulp it down in one swig, call

But the fantasy passes. And

soon we're laughing because she

has so startlingly recalled the

name of something she's never

or baking her famous liver loaf

again, but all is not lost. She's

given her recipes to my sister,

who probably at this moment is

sprinkling wheat germ on her

My parents have already lived

longer than Adelle Davis by a

dozen years. Let them eat cake.

Let them eat brownies. They're in

Maybe the next time I'm home,

they'll share with me their late

afternoon fire, wine and just

(Los Angeles Times)

their '80s, in love and happy.

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Bribe & drive

JOEL GORDIN

This week 13 driving examiners and - at the time of writing - four driving school owners were arrested for offering and accepting bribes. The arrests came as no surprise to many who have had dealines with the licensing authorities ever the years: evebrows were raised only at the number of people in olved, and at the amount of morey that allegedly changed hands.

For years it has been evident that something is rotten in the way Israelis get their driving

Motoring writers, including this one, have complained entilessly that the compulsory course of driving lessons is unnecessary and too expensive, and that the tests are ridiculously pedantic and our of touch with modern motoring

reality. Israel must be the only country in the Western world where would-be drivers are forced to take a course of lessons at a driving school. In the US, the UK and Western Europe, anyone can be taught to drive by their parents or any other licensed driver. The schools are an option only for

those who want them. In Israel, driving students must take a minimum of 28 lessons at NIS 75 per lesson for a standard shift automobile, more for an auromane automobile, a "B" class van, or a heavy truck. That makes the cost of learning to drive a minimum of NIS 2,000 - before

the first test, When they get to the test, students are nflen failed for the most paltry reasons; They didn't keep the shift in first gear while waiting at a red light, or took a hand off the steering wheel to rub their

Most examiners fail students who cannot reverse-park into a space on the first anempt. How many veteran drivers can do it? Some years ago ago, a local Tel

It has long been evident that something is rotten in the way Israelis get their licenses

Aviv newspaper got the visiting world women's rally champion, Italy's Claudia Giovanni, to take an Israeli driving test anonymously. She failed.

THERE seems to be no logic to the system. In many cases, the examiner - who himself needs no special qualifications other than 12 years of schooling and a valid driving license - simply notes that a failed pupil "lacked control." or "took turns too wide."

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There is no appeal. Many rational, intelligent people who passed their tests the second, third or fourth time told me they "drove no differently" that rime from when they failed. Examiners have absolute power. which, as we know, corrupts absolutely.

Over the years there have been stories of examiners discriminating againsr middle-aged women and favouring pretty young ones. The word "bribery" has bounced backwards and forwards, but was proved in only a few cases (some three years ago at the Rehovor Licensing Department, for exam-

Today thousands of citizens must be wondering if the reason they failed their lests was because they didn't leave a little something in an envelope in the glove compartment. Transport The

explains the pricey lessons and over-harsh testing as being "in the interests of road safety." If so, why is the road accident rate here far higher per capita than in the US, the UK or Western Europe? Accidents usually don't occur tecause drivers don't know how to-drive. They are almost always caused by lack of consideration,

for the rest of the bottle, and reklessness, lawlessness and we'd all get looped enough to imiatience. forgel that my mother can't When bad driving is to blame, it is because the driver didn't know how to brake in an emergency or take wasive action (these, by the way, aren't taught by driving schools because they are not in the test at is not because the dri-I realize that my mother won't ver failed to leave the gear in first be growing her own bean sprouts at a realight, or bungled a

reverse-palk at first attempt. Expens ve lessons and severe (and often abtuse) examiners lead many would be drivers to despair of ever getting a license by fair, legal mean.

Factor in the gned of many driving schools and the absolute power of underraid examiners. and you have the perfect recipe for corruption - and this terrifying scenario: Drivers who barely know the gas petal from the brake being able to buy a license

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A glamorous 15th Knesset?

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

If all the celebrities who have announced their intention to run Lfor the Knesset follow through , and are elected, the 15th Knesset promises to be the most glamorous to date. Hot on the heels of Dudu Topaz, Penina Rosenblum and Helena Amram is expatriate Uri Geller, whose desire to influence the peace process may bring him home.

AFTER PROVIDING a bellyful of laughs for members of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel. comedian Tuvia Tsafir was made an honorary member of AACI and given symbolic items of Americana such as bubble gum, a comic, an AACI totebag and a baseball cap. Tsafir accepted them with equanimity and then asked: "Where's the green card?"

NOT EVERYONE attending a premiere is invited to the after-theater party, which is why organizers wait for the crowds to clear before opening the doors to the reception area. However, the first-night crowd attending the premiere of the Vienna State Opera Ballet at the Tel Aviv Center for the Performing Arts took so long to disperse, that the word went out that the side-stage reception hosted by Austrian Ambassador Herbert Kroll and his wife Noracsy had been canceled. Since few of the invitees knew where the side stage was located, several left without enjoying the Krolls' hospitality. But there were quite a few savvy people who weren't invited who knew that good things come to those who wait. When the direction

they merely tagged along.

Renato Zanella, ballet director and chief choreographer of the VSOB, who garnered a great deal of congratulatory comment, has come to Israel as a dancer on several previous occasions but never before as the head of the company. Seen in the audience were patron of the arts Oded Gera, actress Hanna

to the side stage was made public,



Mick Jagger: Gazing at the

Marron. Tel Aviv University President Yoram Dinstein and his wife Ada, advertising executive David Admon, and Shimon Sheves, former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

NEWS FROM Israel is par for the course on the American electronic media, but listeners tuned into San Francisco's KGO Newstalk earlier this month got a giant dose when talk-show host Ronn Owens, broadcasting live from Jerusalem for three consecutive days, chatted for three hours each day with Israeli and Palestinian newsmakers, commentators and politicians, on both important and mundane issues. Owens was part of a six-member team which included Michael Luckoff, the station's president and general nemager, and Barbara Lane, the station's executive producer. The team turned a suite at the



Uri Geller: Member of



Tuvia Tsafir: An honorary AACI member

Laromme Hotel into a makeshift studio where personalities such as MK Naomi Chazan, former ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich, Ariel mayor Ron Nahman and Palestinian dignitaries Saeb Erekat, Nabil Shaath and Mahdi Abdel Hadi made themselves at home and presented varied outlooks.

Rabbis David Hartman and Mordechai Arnon were brought in to discuss their opposing points of view on Bar-Ilan Street. That wasn't all they disagreed on. When Arnon pulled out a packet of cigarettes, Hartman proclaimed: "No smoking here," to which Amon retorted: "You don't have to smoke."

AN INTERESTING question for Mastermind or an Israeli version of Trivial Pursuit emerged last week at the Israel Association of University Women's 25th anniversary scholarship awards. One of the recipients, Galit Sa'ada from Sderot, the first member of her family with acadeinaspirations, won a scholarship for research into the ethnography of music. The daughter of Libyan immigrants, Sa'ada who already has an MA in musicology and sociology, has discovered that most of the rock groups which have formed in recent years emerged from her home town.

PAPARAZZI EAT your hearts out. After all that speculation over whether Liz Hurley was breaking up with Hugh Grant or at least giving him a dose of his own medicine, it seems the young man caught in the lens of the camera while applying suntan lotion to her back was none other than her kid brother. At least that's what she told David Letterman and anyone who happened to be watching his show.

WANTING TO give their children a closer view of the stars, Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall took them to the local planetarium, which was crowded. Undaunted, Mick and Jerry loaded themselves and the kids back into the car and headed for the nearest NASA base, where they politely asked whether they could use the telescope. The scientists, though somewhat taken aback. decided to play it cool. They made the telescope available but didn't ask for autographs.

Surfing the net in a Ramallah cafe

Internet to beat the compe-Lition his cafe has faced since Ramallah's handover to Palestinian rule in 1995.

At one table in Totah's small K5M cafe, a Palestinian youth manipulated a computer mouse with one hand while holding a thick sandwich in

Inexpensive restaurants have been a growth industry in Ramallah since Israel handed the town over to Palestinian self-rule.

In fact, restaurants have become so competitive a business that eateries new and old have laid on more than food to pull in customers, hiring bellydancers and bands and offering customers water pipes. Totah is the first restaurateur to

turn to the Internet. "The cafe is a home for people who don't have computers and for those who don't yet know the wonders of Internet services," said Totah, 34, sitting in

his cafe. As he spoke, customers at another table abandoned their food and wandered across the room to look over

the youth's shoulder. "I am chatting with my friends who live overseas," said Najwa Harhash, a lawyer in her early 30s as she sat sipping coffee and smoking at another of the cafe's four computers. "Although I have the Internet at

PARENTING

By RUTH MASON

ean Liedloff spent a total of two-

and-a-half years living with the

Yequana Indians in the

Venezuelan jungles. She describes

them as an isolated Stone Age tribe,

yet, on every measure of well-being

that she could think of, Liedloff

found the Yequana to be better off

than Westerners. Their daily lives

were spent in what she calls a party

atmosphere, with a lot of laughing

and joking. Their relationships were

non-judgmental and respectful, and

she never witnessed any arguing,

fighting or sibling rivalry. In her

book The Continuum Concept -

Allowing Human Nature to Work

Successfully (Addison Wesley,

1977). Liedloff claims that even the

Competition of any sort, even in

games, is unknown. Joy, rather than

the unhappiness often found in

Perhaps the most stunning of her

findings is that Yequana babies

rarely cry. They are relaxed and quiet

and they don't ever spit up. Boys are

given small bows and arrows from

the age of 18 months, but are not

warned to be careful. The adults,

Liedloff says, have complete faith in

their child's self-preservation

instincts and don't warn them about

rushing nivers, scorpions, snakes and other dangers of the jungle. A moth-

er walking on a jungle path with a toddler following her will not turn

around to make sure he is near. She

just expects and assumes he will be,

and, according to Liedloff, he

Yequana. Liedloff says she saw only

and other adults don't initiate contact

or activity with their children but are

readily available when the children

need them. Children spend most of

their time with their peers, as do the

adults. Liedloff attributes the joy,

serenity and peace of the Yequana to

the fact that babies, from the

one accident.

In the time she spent with the

After babyhood, Yequana parents

children never fight.

Western culture, prevails.

Tajed Totah has turned to the home, I was curious to know if the cafe has the same system," she said.

Totah said that most of his customers were not sufficiently computer-educated and he wanted to leach them the benefits of the computer and the Internet.

He said the Internet had been been bringing in new customers who

"The cafe is home for people who don't have computers and for those who don't yet know the wonders of Internet services."

often fill the cafe at night. "Every day we have new customers. It will take rime, but it's a good start," he

He has installed four Pentium computers at K5M - a name signifying the number of Totah siblings and their initials. Is the computer invest-

moment of birth until crawling age,

are constantly carried. The mother,

other adult or older sibling, will

carry a baby - either in their arms or

in a sling - at all times while they are

working, cooking, dancing, bathing or walking. Babies sleep with their

Liedloff believes that this "in-

arms" phase is as old as evolution

itself and that babies were treated

this way for millions of years by

humans and our evolutionary

antecedents. It is only in the past few

thousand years - a tiny dot on the

evolutionary map - that we have

strayed from this practice with.

Liedloff claims, dire consequences.

believe that a baby's nightful, natural

The Yeguana

place is in

the arms of

its mother.

Indians believe

a baby's natural

other caretaker. This constant close-

ness to the mother's body gives the

baby a feeling of security, whole-ness, or being "right" and influences

his whole life as well as that of his

society. Westerners who miss this

phase never lose their sense of not

being "right," of longing for some-

thing they can't quite name, of loss.

While they are constantly with the

mother or other caretaker, Yequana

babies are not the center of attention.

Instead, they live on the periphery,

being present at all activities but not

at their center. From their safe and

protected vantage point, they learn

about life and get all the stimulation

they need. Infants' signals are imme-

diately responded to and they are put

down only when they signal that

Liedloff and the Yequana Indians

place is in the arms of its mother or

"Maybe not, but definitely it's worth the experience. It's the first of its kind and it is aimed at both helping people and attracting new customers," Totah said.

Since it opened in 1985, K5M has been famous among the youth in Ramallah for its sandwiches, pastas, pizza and desserts. It has also attracted high-school and university students, teachers, and families living in the neighborhood.

Newspapers, pens and papers were neatly stacked on tables while Western pop music played in the

"K5M is a perfect place for students who need to research information through the Internet away from the pressures of classrooms or libraries," said a K5M press release.

"I have been using the Internet from home for most of my dealings. so I decided to show others the benefits of the new technology and to give those who need it a hand."

K5M has contracted four employees of the local internet provider to help customers. The help couldn't come at a better time. The people who abandoned their food earlier sat staring helplessly at a computer screen. Total broke away from the interview to launch them on the information superhighway. (Reuter)

they want to be, when they are ready

Liedloff believes that the

Yequana's joyful life is due to the

fact that they are still in touch with

their "continuum," or the built-in

instinctive knowledge, with which

we are all born, of the way human

beings are supposed to live. She

attributes Western ills, from alien-

ation to drug addiction, crime and

violence, to the fact that we have

been cut of from our natural contin-

"It is understandable," she writes

"that Western babies are not wel-

come in offices, shops, workrooms,

or even dinner parties. They usually

shrick and kick, wave their arms and

stiffen their bodies, so that one needs

two hands and a lot of anention to

keep them under control. It seems

that they are keyed up with undis-

charged energy from spending so

much time out of contact with an

active person's naturally discharging

energy field. We need to recognize

that, by treating babies the way we

did for hundreds of thousands of

years, we can be assured of calm,

soft, undernanding little creatures.

Only then can working mothers,

unwilling to be bored and isolated all

day with no adult companionship,

rid themselves of their cruel conflict.

they need to be - with their mothers.

And the mothers are where they

need to be - with their peers, not

doing baby care but something wor-

The Continuum Concept was re-

issued with a new introduction in

1985 as part of Addison Wesley's Classics in Child Development

series. John Holt, the noted writer

and educator, wrote about it, "If the

world could be saved by a book, this

While Liedloff seems fairly sub-

jective in her descriptions of both the

Yequana and Western baby care

practices, she offers fascinating

insights that could go a long way in

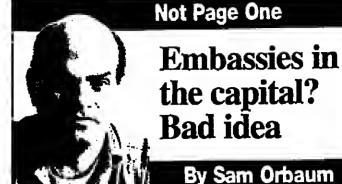
improving our babies' - and our own

thy of intelligent adults."

just might be the book."

Babies taken to work are where

to crawl.



The year is 2525. Syria rejects negotiations based on Oslo 89. The Moshiach's arrival is said to be imminent. The Swiss agree to return the gold to any survivor who comes forward to ask for it. And the US reneges on its offer to innve its embassy in Jerusaleni.

Some things never change, and never will, and if I live in be 569 years old, I will still wonder why the world won't accept Jerusalem. or at least the western sector, as this country's capital.

Forgive the simplicity, but what barrier of rationality prevents a friendly foreign country from establishing its mission in undisputed Jewish Jerusalem? Sure, the Arahs will squawk - they'll have to - but a few choice diplomatic words, such as "Well, it's their capital, where do you expect us to

tolerable only because they're mere consulates - would become intolerably insulting embassies start doing it.

The high-living diplocorps would leave The City That Never Stops for The City That Never Stops Praying.
Yeah, OK, we have parties here

in Jerusalem, but you know how it is: you can be the last one to leave the swingingest bash Jerusaleni, get in your car, do dinner, and make it in time for the earliest party in Tel Aviv. Forgive us, but we've never fully recov-

cred from the siege of '48. Fashion shows would become de rigueur in Jerusalent, where the greatest fashinn issue is what color your black clothes are.

Can you just imagine the, shall we say, differences of opinion between the diplos and the hared-

The high-living diplomats would leave The City That Never Stops for The City That Never Stops Praying.

to refute. And then all the nice countries of the world will quick-Where children never fight ly fall into line and follow prece-

Of course they will.

International diplomacy is not exactly a free-thinking discipline. It suffers from a herd mentality: when one moos, they all moo. All right, then: maybe all that's needed is to tweak a teat to get one of

them mooing.
Which is why I'm offering this suggestion, free of charge, as a public service to the global village: lirst, do what's right by Israel, by moving all your embassies to the capital: then turn around and appease the Arabs by offering, as compensation, to place a consulate in eastern Jerusalem, thereby strengthening Palestinian claims. That would entage Israel, mollify the Arabs, and leave the diplomats snickering into their champagne.

On the other hand, the last this we need is all those embassies in our capital. It would mess up this country something terrible. Think of it:

Half the population of Herzliya Pituah would move to Jerusalem. Property values in Tel Aviv's richest burbs would plummet, and skyrocket in Ein Kerem. The economic backlash would be stagger-

We'd have to conte up with a few hundred fancy villas in - ha! Jerusalem, or risk having all those ambassadors recalled. Fancy villas, that is, with rolling

lawns and built-in swimming pools, in a city with little space and less water. That ohnoxious tradition of

Jerusalem consulates hosting separate parties for Jews and Arabs -

put the embassy?" will be difficult int? The proliferation of treif food. the Shabbat infractions, those slinky goyish-looking women showing (gasp!) cleavage and thighs, the international incidents any time a diplo limo is stoned on Bar-Han Street....

Jerusalem's narrow roads don't cope very well with big cars. In some places it's impossible to squeeze through io a tustus without scraping parked cars on either side. Diplomats are notorious for parking wherever they damn well please (come to think of it, so are Israelis).

On the other hand, there'd be big savings for the Foreign Ministry, in phone calls and travel to the Tel Aviv region. Wonder how much tax money

we'd save from 1997 to 2525 if we just moved the FM to Herzliva

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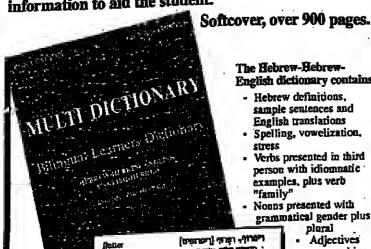
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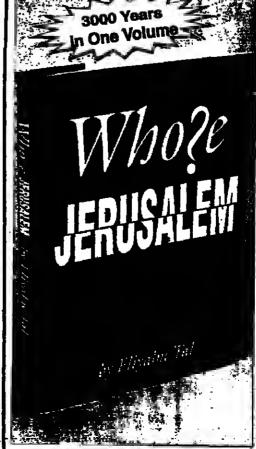
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BUSINESS

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Low-tech investment aid requests down

The number of investment aid requests received by the Industry and Trade Ministry from overseas low-tech companies from January - May were down 40 percent from the same period last year, David Baruch, director of the ministry's Investment Center, said vesterday.

The sector includes such industries as food, plastics, chemicals, paper and metal. The decrease was attributed to the high cost of manufacturing such goods here. Requests by high-tech companies, including start-ups, increased 10%. Jennifer Friedlin

Meridor plans compulsory car insurance bill

Finance Minister Dan Meridor, in liaison with Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, will introduce legislation in the coming weeks to open the compulsory motor vehicle insurance market to "supervised competition." The market is currently monopolized by Avner Insurance, but this must come to an end, said Meridor, speaking to members of the Knesset Law and Finance committees. The legislation has to be introduced before July 31, when the existing law expires. David Harris

Sharansky to US next week

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky is expected to leave next week for a seven-day visit to the US, the ministry spokesman said yesterday. Sharansky's preliminary itinerary includes meetings with business representatives and visits to various firms in Georgia. New York and Texas.

Jennifer Friedlin

NIS 4m. for Kiryat Arba technology park

The Industry and Trade Ministry yesterday announced the allocation of NIS 4 million for a technology park in Kiryai Arba.

The investment will go toward the establishment of factories to house Maycom-1 and SFM, two high-tech companies that came out of the ministry's incubator program. The ministry is currently planning to establish a joint 500-dunam industrial park for Gush Etzion and Efrai.

DSP faces class-action suit

DSP Communications, Inc., a California-based maker of wireless personal communications products which is part owned by Israelis, said four shareholders filed a class action suit against it. The four claim DSP violated a California law regarding forwardlooking statements the company allegedly made earlier this year. Jennifer Friedlin

COMPANY RESULTS

First International Bank net up 21%

First International Bank of Israel vesterday reported a 21-percent increase in first-quarier net income to NIS 46 million from NIS 38m. in the same period last year. Income before provisions for doubtful deht rose to NIS 199.1m, from NIS 17.1m.

I'mding in the bank's shares was halted for the dissemination of the announcement. Owned by the Safra family, First International is Israel's only privately owned bank and the country's fifth-largest bank Jerusalem Post Staff

Clal Electronics profit sharply down

Clal Electronics Industries Ltd, vesterday reported an 87% drop in first-quarter earnings to NIS 11.86m, from NIS 93.92m, in the same period last year. Revenues for the quarter were down 68%.

The company's TASE-traded shares were up 2.25% from Monday's Claf Electronics Industries' holdings include stakes in ECI Telecom Ltd., a Petah Tikva-based telecommunications-equipment manufactur-

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Leumi hopes for \$150m. in share offer next week

By FELICE MARANZ / Bloomberg and Jerusalem Post Staff

The government hopes to raise \$150 million in Bank Leumi's 14 percent share offer next Tuesday. said Meir Yaacobson, head of Ml Holdings, the state company which administers the sale of the government's stakes in the banking industry.

Foreign institutional investors have already committed them-selves 10 \$120m. and Israeli underwriters have committed to \$30m., said Yaacobson. who added that half of the offering will be as shares and half as options.

The foreign investors' commit-ments are some 20% higher than

the bank's original expectations. The government holds 82% of Bank Leumi, the country's second-largest bank, with \$39.6 billion in assets.

"We're in the middle of the process, having passed the first stage," said Yaacobson, "We'll see what happens next week." Institutional investors have com-

mitted to a price of NIS 5 per share, he said below today's Bank Leumi's shares closed

institutional investors had paid a lower price for their shares. Last month, the government

down 2% at NIS 5.30 amid reports

sold shares and options in Israel Discount Bank, the country's

third-largest bank, raising NIS 212m. The amount raised exceeded the original anticipated total of NIS 156m.

Israel Discount Bank's shares in Tel Aviv fell 0.75% to close at NIS

The Israel Discount Bank sale followed the government's sale of 179 of Israel Chemicals Ltd. for NIS 666.9m. in March. Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu has said the govern-ment intends to raise NIS 4b, from sales of state assets in 1997, particularly from sales of banks.

The government is trying to sell controlling interest in Bank Hapoalim, the country's biggest bank, through a tender. It also intends to offer shares in United Mizrahi Bank.

Last week Bank Leumi transferred the government a dividend of NIS 532m., 35% of which reflected the bank's net income for the previous year.

The remainder stemmed from the bank's recent sales of its stakes in the Africa Israel holding company to entrepreneur Lev Levyev, and the Migdal insurance company to Italian insurer Generali.

Both deals were done in line with the requirements of the revised Banking Law, which is aimed at reducing and capping the banks' non-banking hold-

MKs, Treasury clash over property tax

By DAVID HARRIS

The Treasury is opposed to the abolition of the annual property tax and its replacement by a one-time business sales tax. State Revenue Administration head Tsipi Galyam told the Knesset Finance Committee vesterday during a pitched debate with its members, most of whom disagreed with her.

Proposals put forward by the Gahbai committee at the request of outgoing deputy Finance Minister David Magen received the backing of the majority of MKs present at vesterday's debate.

"No one is in favor of the status quo," said Pini Badash (Likud). "If they were, then why did the Treasury set up the committee in the first place?"

No decision was taken during the session, but it became clear there are major differences of opinion between the Finance Ministry and members of the Gabbai Committee, according to Haim Oron (Meretz).

The major proposal of the Gabbai Committee, headed by former state budget director Yorani Gabbai, is to reform the existing 2.5-percent property tax from which many people have exemptions. While the committee examined the possibility of lowering the percentage of the tax and broadening the base, it decided that abolishing it is the only solution and a sales tax would be the most suitable alternative.

During the debate Galyam and senior Income Tax Commission officials raised two objections to the proposed new tax. Estimates from the Gabbai Committee show there would be a NJS 150 million shortfall between the NIS 954nt. currently collected and the anticipated revenues from the business sales tax. They also said there will be problems collecting the new lax. and receipts could amount to less than NIS 500m.

This argument was dismissed by Knesset tax sub-committee chairman Ophir Pines (Labor), who said the one-time collection of the levy would be far easier to implement than the current annual payment has proved to be.

The committee was told the ongoing overall shortfall in property tax payments now stands at NIS 5 billion, according to Badash.

Calling for the debate to be put on hold while the Treasury discusses the report, Galyant said she favors maintaining the existing tax. lowering the percentage payable and widening its taxable value

Silvan Shalom, the Likud faction leader in the finance committee. said he supports the abolition of the current tax but suggested its proposed replacement is "impractical,"

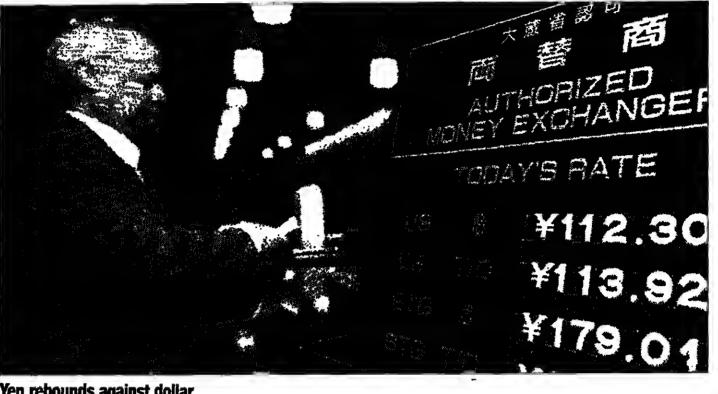
Pines argued it is clear the majority of MKs concerned and the wider community are in favor of abolishing the tax. He warned the Treasury that if it does not act to implement the Gabbai recommendations, he and several other MKs are willing to miroduce the legislation themselves. "I am sure we'll have a majority in the house." he said.

While refusing to say he is disappointed by the Treasury's stance. Gabbai said he is convinced that in a matter of months either the government or MKs will begin the legislarive process.

Correction

Crystal Systems Solutions Ltd. reported first-quarter net profits of \$386,000, compared to a net loss of \$239,000 in the same period last year, and not as

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Yen rebounds against dollar

A British businessman in Tokyo counts his Japanese yen exchanged from US dollars at a hotel yesterday. The US currency broke below 112 yen in Tokyo before bouncing back somewhat in later trading.

Toys 'R Us: Standards Institute obstructs free market

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Toys 'R Us has asked the Industry and Trade Ministry to investigate the Israel Standards Institute's regulations regarding children's Leon Koffler, said yesterday.

According to Koffler, the ISI, which approves all products before they are sold locally, protects local manufacturers by implemenuing strict regulations designed to keep foreign products out.

Toys 'R Us (Israel) director-general Yossi Hod cited the regulations regarding strollers and baby cribs as particularly stringent.

"The Israeli standard for baby cribs is so particular that no bed in the world can meet the standard, not even in Germany, where childsafety awareness is very high" Hod said.

Michaela Orren, head of the ISI's standardization division, said the rules are in no way designed to obstruct Israel's free market. The ISI, she said, must sometimes choose between the European standard at the expense of the American one, and vice versa, depending on which standards will allow the most number of exporters and importers to enter a given market.

If all the manufacturers buy European production machines and the imports and exports are coming to and from Europe, there is no

adding that the adoption of both standards would necessitate two types of testing equipment for all products. Koffler, however, argues that as long as an importer can prove a product has met either the

sense in adopting the US standard." said Orren,

US or European standards, it should not need to be tested again. Last Thursday, Industry and Trade Minister

Natan Sharansky discussed the matter with Koffler, who is also the local franchisee of Blockbuster Video and Office Depot and the owner of Super Pharm. Sharansky advised Koffler to put his suggestions before the ISI, a ministry spokesman said.

religious phenomenon.

"It's a total system," he said.

"Haredi welfare organizations pro-

vide the hozer betshing with subsi-

dized food and clothing. He pays

NIS 200 per month for day care for

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Families undergoing the process are given counselling to help each member adjust to the changes, he continued. In cases where the children are the ones influenced by the seminar, the counselors make sure they do not leave home and teach then how to behave so as not to offend their parents.

It all sounds idyllic. But Walis admits that Arachim's approach in slum neighborhoods is different. Rabbi Ya'acov Ohayon, who told a Bat Yam audience that secular Jews

are a greater threat to religious Jews than Hitler, made that comment at an Arachim event. The nature of the message varies

in accordance with the audience," explained Walis. "Therefore, we divide our activities into two sorts: the educated and the rank-and-file. You have to understand that some of our speakers are hozrim betshuva. They speak from their hearts and we don't censor them."

Referring to Ohayon's comment that secular Jews are more dangerous than Hitler. Walis said there are certain things he, personally, would not say aloud.

That did not mean, however, that he might not think them privately. Walis and Rabbi Michael Lasri, who emceed the Bat Yam event, rejected the charge that there was a widespread phenomenon of hijacking secular teenagers and persuading them to leave school against their

parents' will to study in a yeshiva. The examples of Shmulik Aviv and Herzl Fenso were among "a handful of exceptions," said Lasri.

"There are thousands of others who have not quit school against their parents' wishes or left home.

But although Walis and Lasri spoke warmly of the need for family harmony, they made it clear it is not their only concern. "If there is a conflict or disagree-

ment between the mother or father and their child, and if we think in absolute terms, then maybe it is the parents who are in the wrong," said Lasri. "Although it is the child who has made the change, who says the change is negative? And from a generational aspect, in the past it was the parents who were observant and the children who rebelled. Who is to say which change is from good to bad or from bad to good."

Arachim is one of many teshuva programs that receives state funding. In 1995, the last year for which official figures are available, it received over NIS 1,570,000 from the Ministry of Religious Affairs, while the Ministry of Education gave it over NIS 450,000 in the first quarter

According to figures compiled by Ha'arer: religious affairs reporter Shahar Dan, in 1995, the last full year of the Labor government, the Religious Affairs and Education ministries allocated NIS 15 million to 11 of the largest reshuva institu-

But former religious affairs minister Shimon Shetreet said the real sum is much higher.

"It's impossible to assess the actual figure, because the sources of funding are so varied. They include the religious councils, the municipalities, the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, and the Interior Ministry," he said.

Furthermore, since some haredi institutions are known to receive more public funding than they deserve because they exaggerate the scope of their activities, money is available to pursue undeclared activities such as hazara betshuva, he

Shetreet stressed the socioeconomic aspects of hazara betshuva, saying it is much more than just a



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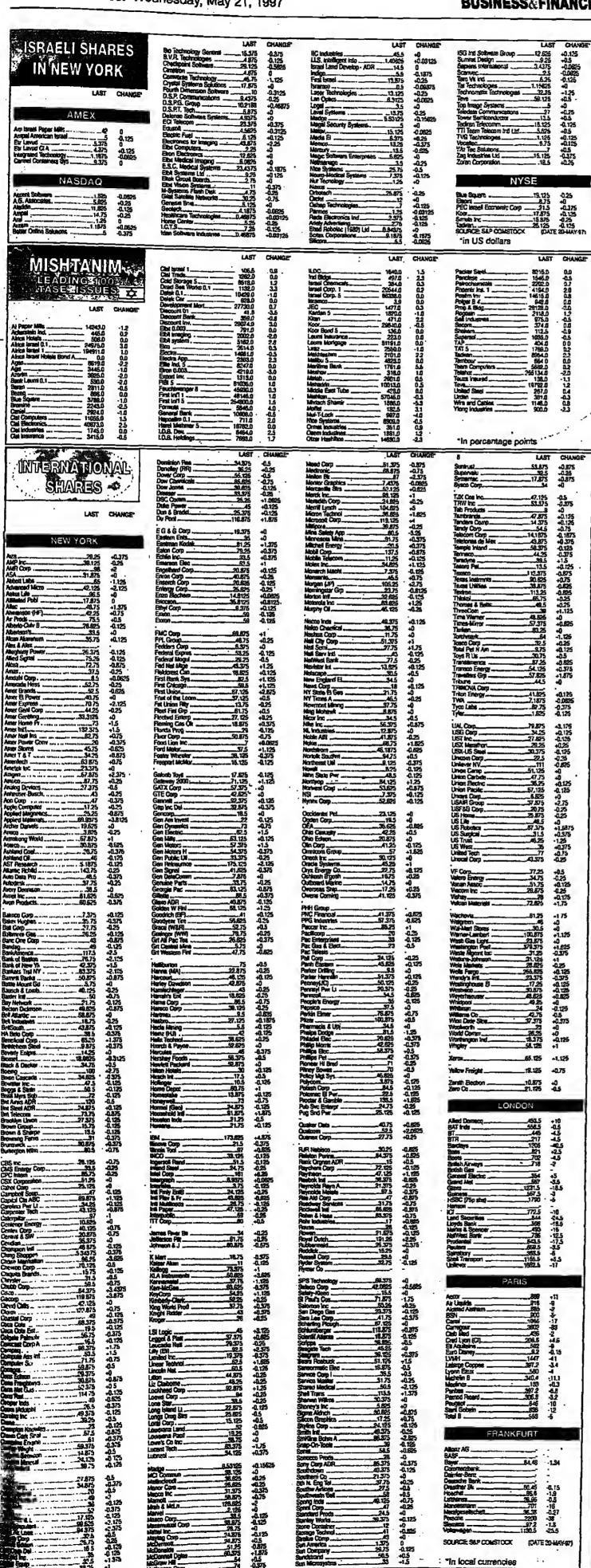
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Hope over rate cuts boosts shares

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By ROBERT DANIEL

Stock indexes in Tel Aviv rose yesterday as First International Bank of Israel said first-quarter earnings increased 21 percent and as investors hoped the central bank would cut interest rates.

The report from Israel's fifthlargest bank was "very good," said

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Ronen Cohen, head of trading at the Tel Aviv office of Oscar Gruss & Sons. Net income rose to NIS 46 million, and the stock went up 1.5% to 2.548.

Rising stocks also included Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., up 1.25% at 197.92. Clal Electronics Industries Ltd., up 2.5% to 408.73, software house Formula Systems Ltd., up 4% to 58.46, Mofet Technology Fund Ltd., up 3% to 182.5, and Maritime Bank, up 5.5%

to 17.61. Declining shares included Agan Chemical Manufacturers Ltd. and

The Maof Index of 25 most-traded issues added 0.7% to 273.54 and the Mishtanim Index of 100 top stocks advanced 0.49% to 265.34.

The most active issue was Israel Discount Bank, which fell 0.75% to 3.59 on trading of NIS 12.3 mil-

A total of NIS 135.6m. of shares traded. Throughout the market, about five shares lost ground for every four that advanced.

Cohen at Oscar Gruss & Sons said he expects central bank Governor Jacob Frenkel to leave the benchmark interest rate at 13.9%. At the same time, "there's a lot of pressure on him" to cut rates because the last consumer price

index was very low," he said. The April CPI showed a lowerthan-expected rise of 0.7%. If Frenkel cuts rates, he'll pare 0.25 percentage points, Cohen added.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

Euro markets lower on fear over US rates

LONDON (Reuter) - European markets ended trade vesterday showing big losses for the dollar and stocks but with their attention firmly riveted on a meeting of US central bankers who are deciding interest

All eyes were focused on the US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, and markets were almost evenly split on the prospects of a 25-basis-point interest rate rise in the power-house US economy. Shares in London, Paris, Frankfurt

and Wall Street were all showing losses of about one percent in the countdown to the rates decision, with investors fretting that higher rates would hit profit margins. At the same time, the dollar strug-

gled to regain its poise after drop-ping to a five-month low of 111.98 yen, fighting uncertainty over US interest rate policy and speculation

about higher Japanese rates.

Traders said that at the moment, the mood seemed to be one of cashing in on any signs of dollar recov-

In a volatile trading session on foreign exchanges, dealers began the day by unloading dollars because of worries that Japan might increase rates, making dollar-denominated assets less attractive to investors.

They drove the dollar down by nearly four yen after reports that a committee of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Partly (LDP) was considering asking for higher discount

rates from the Bank of Japan. But the currency later bounced back by nearly two yen and stood above 113 yen in late afternoon trade after Japanese officials warned the yen's rise had been too rapid and a Japanese rate rise was not likely

WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks soar as Fed keeps interest rates unchanged

chip stocks jumped yesterday, lifting the Dow Jones industrial averrecord close as Wall Street welcomed the Federal Reserve's deci- record finish of 7,333.55.

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue- sion to keep interest rates unchanged.

The Dow rose 74.58 points, or age within a few points of a 1.03 percent, to 7,303.46, which was just short of last Thursday's

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Transfer rumor-mill has Ronaldo at Inter

ROME (Reuter) - Brazilian striker Ronaldo could yet be playing in Italy next season while Italy's World Cup star Roberto Baggio may be heading for France or England.

Fiorentina's Argentine capiain Gabriel Batistuta could meanwhile find himself at an English club.

With Juventus needing just one point, and maybe not even that, to clinch the Italian league soccer title, attention has turned inevitably towards next

The well-worn transfer runior-mill, always rumbling around, has started to grind out faster than ever. The big recent signing

has been German captain Juergen Klinsmann to Sampdoria. But that is fact not fantasy and the Bayern Munich player has now left the headlines.

Others cannot be pushed out so easily. "Ronaldo has chosen inter," declared the front page of the Rome daily Corriere dello Sport yesterday with a photomontage of the shaven-headed Burcelona striker in a black and blue shirt with a broad grin and his arms outstretched.

The Brazilian ace becomes a star in our championship." It quoted Reynalda Pitta, one of

DETROIT (Reuter) -Vyacheslay Kozlov scored twice and

Mike Vernon made 27 saves as

the Detroit Red Wings edged the Colorado Avalanche 2-1 on

Monday to seize the lead in the

NHL Western Conference finals.

has been sensational throughout

these playoffs, came up big again in Game Three to give the

Red Wings a two-games-to-one

lead in the best-of-seven series.

The Red Wings, who have not

won the Stanley Cup since 1955,

are two wins away from return-ing to the championship round

for the second time in three

years and host Game Four

In the Eastern Conference

hosted the Philadelphia Flyers

This was their best game (of

the series) and we won it," Red

Wings coach Scotty Bowman

said. We could have won all

three. How do they like my

one game apiece.

Detroit's Russian unit, which

Ronaldo's agents, as telling Lazio also been a reported target for boss Sergio Cragnotti that Ronaldo had chosen Inter instead of the Rome club's offer.

Inter president Massimo Moratti said that the club was interested

Inter favored for UEFA Cup

One goal down but with their best players

back from suspension. Inter are favored to

clinch their third UEFA Cup in six years when

they take on Schalke 04 in their second-leg final

English midfielder Paul Ince. French forward

Youri Djorkaeff and French defender Jocelyn

Angloma (all previously suspended) will be starting in the match at San Siro stadium, boost-

The future of Ronaldo has

become an obsession in Italy since

the player hinted he might leave

Barcelona if the Spanish club did

not agree to a new and more lucra-

The Gazzetta dello Sport said

Inter were waiting to see whether

Barcelona kepi Ronaldo. At the

same they were after Batistuta.

who has become increasingly

unsettled in Florence and has

reportedly sounded keen on a

The Argentine goalscorer has

move to Inter.

suffered in the first leg two weeks ago.

but nothing had been agreed.

of the European tournament tonight in Milan.

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson.

retirement

However Fiorentina want to keep their star player and refuse to countenance him joining another Italian club.

Manchester has become another transfer talking point after Frenchman Eric Cantona announced his

Italian newspapers said that Manchester United were after Baggio, also unsettled for most of the season at Milan, us a Саптопа replacement although Marseille were

also chasing.
The English champions ing Inter's chances to make up for a 1-0 defeat are also reponedly interested in signing Fabrizio Ravanelli from Middlesbrough as well as Middlesbrough's Brazilian

midfielder Juninho. Both played in the Middlesbrough team beaten by Chelsea in the FA Cup Final on Saturday. But according to various reports. Juninho is also on his way to Atletico Madrid, possibly for a world record fee of £16 million.

Chelsea, with three Italians on their books already, were meanwhile reported to have made a fresh \$13m offer for Milan captain and international defender Paolo

Red Wings grab 2-1 series lead LONDON (API - Two days which also outlines the structure

before their first one-day internaissued a set of guidelines on how to dress and behave on and off the

matches involving themselves. Players must wear England's offi-

cial tournament gear when representing their country, which means that England vice-captain Alec Stewart will no longer be able to Finals, the New York Rangers wear his favorite white batting helmet and faded blue tour hat, which

The strict code will prevent controversies like the threatened walkout from the 1996 World Cup by former English wicketkeeper Jack Russell. Organizers tried to stop Russell from wearing his trademark white sun hat as they wanted all players to siick to offi-

It was the seventh goal of the playoffs and second two-goal game for Kozlov.

Code of conduct for England's cricket image

tional against Australia, the England cricket squad have been

The 28-page document presented to each player yesterday by England management committee chairman Bob Bennett outlines the need to present a smart, uniform

Positive relations with the media, neat presentation, punctuality and respect for dressing room rules are all addressed in the new code of conduct, which also states that players are not to bet on

cial tournament headgear. In addition to the document,

of England's new administrative set-up, the English players were each issued with a copy of the 1997 England Players' Hand-

The handbook stresses that professionalism is an important factor in England's success and stipulates that players "will be required to train and practice hard at all times with sensible rest, a carefully controlled diet and a disciplined lifestyle.'

The English management will be hoping the code's impact will be evident tomorrow when England meets Australia in the first one-day international at Headingley. The second match is at The Oval on Saturday and the third is at Lord's on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Australia's one-day match against Durham county yesterday was called off due to excessive overnight and morning rain, leaving the tourists slightly underprepared for their match

The Australians have played just two competitive one-day matches since arriving in England last week. The tourists beat Northamptonshire but suffered defeat against Worcestershire, and Australian coach Geoff Marsh would have liked some more match practice time for his players.

Malone and Jazz take Game 1 of West finals, 101-86 SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The commissioner brought the trophy and the winner graciously accepted. Then the rest of the Utah Jazz went out and showed why Karl

SPORTS

Utah's supporting cast bolstered Malone's steady, if unspectacular, performance on the night he received the MVP award as the Jazz opened the Western Conference finals with a 101-86 romp over the Housion Rockets on Monday night.

Malone has been thanking them so

Jeff Hornacek scored 19 points, John Stockton had 16 points and 13 assists and the rest of the team

Sportscaster indicted American sponscaster Marv lbert, the lead announcer for NBA games on NBC television, has been indicted on assault and sodomy charges that allege he viciously bit a Virginia woman and forced

her to perform a sex acL Police spokesman Tom Bell said that Albert and the woman were friends. He said investigators were proceeding carefully because of Albert's high profile and to be sure the woman was "not a gold digger."

made strong contributions to back Malone's 21-point, 13-rebound

Malone also had five turnovers and shot just 6-for-16 from the field, but the occasional sloppiness didn't matter to his adoring

The Jazz fans gave Malone a standing ovation when commissioner David Stern presented him with the trophy in a pregame cere-

went to the bench with 2:48 remaining and Utah leading 97-

They did it again when Malone

Game 2 in the best-of-7 series is tonight In the first game of the Eastern Confereence finals last night,

Miami was at Chicago. Hakeem Olajuwon led Houston with 30 points, but he didn't score

in the fourth period. Clyde Drexler scored 13, Charles Barkley had 12 and Mario Elie 10 for Houston, which was playing just two days after finishing off

Seattle in a seven-game series. Utah, on the other hand, hadn't played in a week. And once the shook off the rust after 12 minutes or so, the Rockets could

never come all the way back. Rookie Shandon Anderson scored 11 points off the bench and third-string center Greg Foster scored all nine of his points in the second period to help Utah take

The Jazz, who have won their last 20 home games, outshot



Utah's 'supporting cast'

rolls past Houston

quarter action. The Jazz won the first game of the Western Conference finals, 101-86.

Houston 44 percent to 38 percent and finished with only 15 turnovers after committing eight in the first quarter.

Houston shot just 38 percent, including a 3-for-10 effort from Barkley and a 2-for-9 evening for Matt Maloney. Olajuwon, who was 9-of-14 from the field and 12for-17 from the line, was the only member of the Rockets to shoot

above 50 percent. With Malone on the bench, Utah went on a 10-0 run early in the second quarter for a 30-24 lead. Foster scored nine points for Utah in the first seven minutes of the quarter before Malone returned with the Jazz leading by six.

The margin stayed about the same until Stockton ended the half with a 3-point heave from 26 feet that banked in to give Utah a 49-

Utah quickly bumped its lead to double digits early in the third quarter.

The Jazz are 32-3 since March 1.

No deals with the enemy

sign a 7-foot-9 (2.32-meter) North Korean basketball player currently residing in Canada.

last Wednesday. Evergreen Sports Management firm has kept Ri secluded in Ottawa, and its spokesman on Monday denied that Ri

With the Enemy Act, which prohibits business dealings between the US and North Korea. The countries have not had diplomatic rela-

"Word started spreading about Ri after he played for North Korea the Jones Cup in Taiwan last August.

"He's every bit 7-foot-9. Playing against him is like shooting rebound and he doesn't get up in the air.'

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NEW YORK (AP) - The NBA has told its 29 teams they cannot

he league memo was sent after Ri Myong Hun arrived in Canada

The NBA will not allow any team to sign him unless the State Department gives permission. Signing Ri neight violate the Trading

through a tree," said Wake Forest assistant coach Russell Turner, who helped coach the US Jones Cup team. "He shot free throws very well, and he could dunk without leaving his feet, but he doesn't

Ri, whose age is between 25 and 27, "isn't as skinny as Shawn Bradley or Manute Bol, but he isn't as thick as Gheorghe Muresun,

Legislative efforts afoot to return Dodgers to Brooklyn

NEW YORK (AP) - Undeterred by a brushoff from Los Angeles Dodgers owner Peter O'Malley, two Brooklyn congressmen on Monday unveiled legislation aimed at making it easier to return the for-sale baseball team to its original home.

Apparently determined to continue tilting at this particular windmill, Democratic Reps. Jerrold Nadler and Charles Schumer said their bill would invalidate a Major League Baseball rule under which local owners can veto a move by another team into their city. Such a change would allow a local group to make an offer for the

Dodgers without fear of a veto by New York Yankees owner George Steinbretner or New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon, the congressmen said during a news conference at Brooklyn's Borough Hall. O'Malley, meanwhile, continues to negotiate with media mogul Rupert Murdoch, who reportedly has offered \$350 million for the Dodgers. Last month, O'Malley rejected a request for a meeting with

representatives of a state commission seeking to bring the Dodgers back Monday's oews conference was a surreal combination of rose-noted nostalgia for the fabled "Burns" of Ebbets Field and hard-headed appeals

to the glory of unfettered free market capitalism. In consecutive breaths, Nadler invoked the people of Brooklyn's "birthright" to the Dodger franchise, which moved West in 1957, and condemned the "dictatorial power" of baseball owners to engage in a conspiracy against commerce.'

Baseball's rules restricting franchise movement - which include the

veto power given to owners already in a market, as well as a requirement that all franchise moves be approved by separate votes of American and National League owners - are protected by a 1922 US Supreme Court decision that held the sport exempt from annitrust laws. However, challenges to such restrictions in other sports have been upheld by courts in recent years and Schumer and Nadler said it's now

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Bass Paata Burchuladze joins the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA to perform Shostakovich's 13th ("Babi Yar") Symphony written to poems by Yevgeny Yevtushenko. Music director David Shallon is on the podium and the program also features Britten's orchestral Sinfonia da Requiem and Schoenberg's A Survivor from Warsaw. Tonight and tomorrow at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem (8).

Arye Lipsky leads the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Haydn's 59th symphony and the orchestral sine from Richard Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier, while violist Rivka

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Golant joins to play the premiere of Yehezkel Braun's Noctuae Carmina which is an arrangement the composer made of an earlier sonata he combeed for her. Golani also plays Vaughan Williams's evocative Flos campi written for viola, wordless choir and strings. Tonight and tomorrow at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30) and Saturday in Kfar Sava (9).

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Channel 2 has lined up a local comedy evening noment. First, at 9:05, is Part 1 of a Sefi Rivlin special. A Quick Trip to the Supermarket. Rivlin pops out to take out the garbage and buy something in the supermarket, but somehow the short trip is drawn out forever, contributing to the rising chaos.

Following that, at 10, is Girls, a one-ome comedy and satire show which looks at Israeli existence from a strictly ferminine critical perspective. Seven actresses have worked logether to write and perform in this show which spares no one, regardless of religion, race, sex or politics.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** 1/2 THE ENGLISH PATTENT - Watching Anthony Minghella's Oscar-winning film after absorbing the clouds of second-hand smoke blown



Sefi Rivlin keeps the laughs rolling on his special 'A Quick Trip to the Supermarket, on Channel 2 at 9:05 p.m. (Mula-Eshet)

> our way by the PR people and by positive, if fivemonth-old, word of mouth from friends abroad, it's hard to grasp exactly what the great fuss was about. The picture seems, at this late date, little more than a respectably made bit of high-class kitsch, a sometimes moving, often rather silly love story set in a series of exotic locales and peppered with just enough literary leavings from Michael Ondaatje's lyrical novel to make it acceptable to "discriminaling" viewers. It's a rare film these days that dares venture such overwrought good looks and gushing emotions, and for this sensual extravagance Minghella does deserve praise. The movie is admirably free of cynicism. (At two hours and 40 minutes, it's also much too long.) With Ralph Fiermes, Kristin Scott Thomas and Juliette Binoche. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recom-mended for children.)

*** THE RELIC - Set almost entirely within the walls of a Chicago natural history museum, Peter Hyams's cleverly trashy new horror-thriller abides by all the rules in the midnight-movie book. The title. one assumes, is meant to be ironic. Besides the literal relic at the center of the plot - a mysterious and apparently demonic tribal figurine packed in a crate of generically mutating Brazilian banana leaves - the real relic in question seems to be the picture itself, a neatly constructed, psychologically canny remnant of an antique genre, the funny yet frightening sci-fi flick. Penelope Ann Miller and Tom Sizemore star, alongside a lumbering movie monster with a long, sticky tongue and knack for speedy decapitation. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.)

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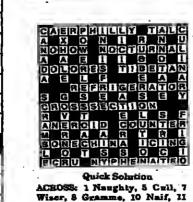
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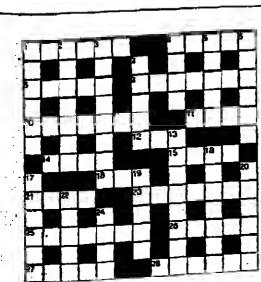
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SOLUTIONS



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QUICK CROSSWORD

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26 Entertain (5)

27 Fortunate (5)

28 Estable (6)

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Holm. 23:45 The Arrangement (1969) – a successful advertiser decides his life is meaningless and begins to behave strangely. With Kirk

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Generation -Forgotten Violinists.

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Driving test scam 'a national problem'

Top Transport Ministry official pledges crackdown on illegal drivers

By DAVID HARRIS

The driving instructors and examiners corruption scandal is not restricted to the North, but affects the whole country, Transport Ministry Director-General Nahum Langental told the Knesset Economics committee yesterday.

Langental pledged his ministry would find and deal with the thousands of drivers who did not legitimately pass their tests. "If the current law is not sufficient I will recommend to Transport Minister [Yitzhak Levy] the introduction of new

In January, the police Northern District launched an investigation, and on Sunday arrested 13 examiners and five instructions for allegedly taking bribes in exchange for allowing driving students to pass without taking the required 28-lesson minimum or achieving the required driving standard. More arrests are expected, according to Dep.-

Cmdr. Yitzhak Basban, who is leading the inquiry. "In my opinion, this is one of the most serious criminal occurrences in the history of the State of Israel," said committee chairman Eli Goldschmidt (Labor). "With 600 killed on the roads every year and thousands injured we are always asking what

we can do, yet here we find people who don't know how to drive being allowed on the road and as such are potential killers." There is already initial evidence that these drivers are more likely to be involved in accidents. "There is a clear link between those holding these licenses

and the number of accidents in the North," said Basban, who described the evidence as irrefutable. Asked by whether the scandal has affected every driving school and test center in the North, Bashan replied. "Everyone who had to know, knew."

Findings of the police investigation include: Despite the legal requirement of 28 lessons, and students having to sign a form to confirm they have taken this number, many have taken far fewer than this, even as few as five.

• On many occasions students passed their tests despite the examiner having applied the brakes on

several occasions during the exam. · When questioned many of these students knew

little or nothing of driving theory. - Usually where two students were examined together, one would always pass. The examiner would be told in advance which of the two to pass.

. The scam was initially started in late 1990 or 1991 by one or two people. This figure increased over the years, to the extent the police do not know how many people were involved. claiming many have already retired.

who passed their tests in the North by means of these irregularities.

"There was an administrative failure," admitted National Examiners chairman David Ben-Shabbat.

There are now thousands of drivers on the roads

"This is not just a case of corruption, but people's lives we're talking about."

When asked by Goldschmidt if he had heard any rumors of the scandal, Ben-Shabbat said he had not. However, National Organization of Driving Instructors in Israel Shlomo Josefsberg admitted to hearing of the events, but also of passing the information on to the appropriate authorities. He also used the opportunity to roundly condemn the prac-

Attention now turns to those driving on the licenses obtained through this mechanism. "Revoke their licenses immediately," recommended MK Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism).

Langental said the correct legal channels must be used. He and others also called for a change in the system that has allowed students to take fewer lessons. "Twenty-eight is only the minimum," he said. "If a student needs 50 or 130 lessons, so be

Number of

skin cancer

deaths

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By JUDY SIEGEL

By the year 2000, one in 78

fatal kind of skin cancer,

people will develop the potential-

melanoma, and one in five will

have a non-melanoma type of skin cancer. But the good news is

that the number of deaths from skin cancer is declining due to

earlier diagnosis.

The Israel Cancer Association

announced yesterday that free skin .cancer checks will be

offered today and Thursday at

120 clinics around the country.

The skin cancer awareness pro-

gram is being held in cooperation

with the health funds, the Israel

Dermatology and Plastic Surgery

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Ministry, For the clinic closest to

According to ICA officials, 600

covered in Israel last year, com-

pared to an average of 300 during

each of the years between 1980 and 1985 and 400 each between

1990 and 1994. But due to

increased awareness, nearly half

are diagnosed during the early

stages when survival is most

likely, compared to only a little

over a quarter in the early

By far the most improvement has been in Tel Aviv, where for

every late-stage diagnosis of melanoma, the cancer is caught early for eight people. In Jerusalem, there are the fewest

number of melanoma cases due

to the covered-up religious popu-

lation of Jews and Arabs. But if

they contract melanoma, their

awareness of the need to go for

early detection is less pro-

nounced because of reduced

exposure to the news media.

Since CIS immigrants tend to

have pale, sensitive skin and are not used to sunny weather, the

ICA issues informational materi-

At the earliest stages, when the

tumor is small and before the

cancer penetrates beyond the

skin, 90 percent of all melanomas

It used to appear in 30% more

women than men, but the figures

are beginning to balance out,

with women now having 20%

more. The ICA's explanation is

that women are now more aware

of the dangers of sun exposure

and take more care to protect

themselves with hats, long-

sleeved, light clothing, sun-

screens and sunglasses. Parents

are urged to be especially care to

protect children, as one or two

serious sunbums at this age can

Ministry's Cancer Registry has

released figures on the number of

basal cell carcinoma cases. The

most common of skin cancers, its

incidence is growing, and some

7,500 new cases are diagnosed

each year. Fortunately, it is not

often fatal, but removing the

tumor can cause serious esthetic

Meanwhile, Dr. Dov Stampler, a

dermatologisi at Assaf Harofeh

Hospital, declared that sun-

bathing is not healthful, but if one

insists on doing it, do so only

before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.,

when the ultraviolet rays are less

intense." He advised always

putting on UV-protective sunscreen before leaving the house

and several times a day if the heat

causes heavy perspiration.

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AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the 7 of spades, queen of hearts, queen of diamonds, and ace of clubs; and the 8 of spades, ace of hearts, king of diamonds, and king

In yesterday's weekly Lotto draw, the winning numbers were 3, 7, 16, 25, 38 and 39 and the additional number was 14,

French top general arrives for 2-day visit

French Chief of Staff Gen. Jean-Philippe Douin arrives today for an official two-day visit as guest of Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak. The visit comes three months. after the visit by French Defense Minister Charles Millon and amid efforts to revive sales of military equipment between the two countries.

Douin is to be received tomorrow at Camp Rabin in Tel Avivby an official honor guard, afterwhich be is to meet with, Defense Minister Yitzhak, Mordechai. The top French general is also scheduled to visit the Northern and Central commands and be briefed on Israel's security situation.

Sbahak visited France last September and Douin's visit is: part of a reciprocal visit among top brass of both countries. Last year. Israel for the first time opened a pavilion at the Eurosatory armament exhibition. which presented products from 11 defense-related industries. Next month, 19 civilian and military companies will be presenting their wares at the 47th Paris

While French military sources are skeptical that their country will be able to dent the strong procurement links Israel has with the United States, some headway was neade during Millon's visit.

There are no joint Freoch-Israeli training exercises and neither country appears eager for them to take place. France also does not use Israeli air space for training as the Americans do, and are doing this week in the Negev.

France is the world's thirdlargest defense exporter, with \$4. billion in annual sales, but military trade with Israel is just \$60?

Douin is also to meet with President Ezer Weizman, and visit Yad Vashem and Yitzhak Rabin's gravesite.



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Kasparov: Deep Blue had unfair advantage

World chess champion Garry Kasparov yesterday expressed his lack of confidence in the IBM team that created the computer Deep Blue – the machine which defeated him in a recent chess match some engineers have hailed as the beginning of the Information Age.

Speaking at a press conference at the Tel Aviv Hilton shouly after his arrival in the country to promote the opening of a new chess academy in Tel Aviv, he said the computer team

had created a "hostile atmosphere." It had done this, he said, by approaching the match as an adversarial event rather than a scientific experiment in greater understanding of artificial intelligence. Kusparov also enticized the reluctunce of the IBM team to release a print-out of Deep Blue's "thinking process" after the match.

Just as an athlete must go through drug tests after an outstanding perforniance, he said. Deep Blue should have gone through tests after the match to ensure that engineers did not help the computer during

"We must separate science and sports," said Kasparov, explaining that the machine had several unfair advantages. "The computer doesn't care about psychological pressure like the air conditioning or noise in the hall," he said, adding that unlike its human opponent, Deep Blue does not tire or get frustrated. "I played a strong opponent with no previous knowledge of it," he con-

"I would like to leave my prob-



you, call the ICA at 03-571-7888. Garry Kasparov (right) gives Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo a few hints during a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday4flan Ossendryven Israel Sunt new cases of melanoma were dis-

lems behind and look forward to the next match, which IBM owes to mankind, which I didn't represent very well at the last match," said

Kasparov. He insisted that to ensure the fairness of a future match, games should be limited to one per day, Kasparov should be supplied with

played in the lab, and Deep Blue's thinking process should be released at the end of the match to guard against foul play.

The new chess academy Kasparov has come to promote will be dedicated tomorrow at 5 p.m. It aims to educate youngsters in chess, create a program for including records of games the computer chess in educational curricula

around the world, train chess instructors, and support the proliferation of chess playing and chess studies around the world. The Ramat Aviv academy will also

house a regular library. Funding for the academy has come from Sol Mark, who does not

hopes the academy will help keep kids off the street, serve as an alternative sport for the handicapped, who cannot compete in other games, and raise the level of Israeli

Kasparov said he plans to visit the academy, which he hopes will know how to play chess, and the Tel become the world's leading che entity, three or four times a year.

Israeli sues TWA for \$6.5m. after being pulled off flight

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The Israeli owner of a Manhattan jazz club, furning that he was too late to visit with his dying father in Tel Aviv, is suing TWA for \$6.5 million, after his arrest following his questioning TWA's no-smoking

Reuven Barzilai, who owns Arthur's jazz club in Greenwich Village, was en route to see his father, Shaye, in Petah Tikva's Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus on January 22. He was hauled off bis TWA flight and arrested at Kennedy Airport after complaining to TWA flight personnel about an unexpected ban on smoking for the flight, according to

accounts in New York newspapers.

He was charged with criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. But Barzilai, 49, said that he was calm and that his only crime was to question the sudden change in smoking policy

for the flight. "I didn't raise my voice," he said. He spent a right in jail before a local judge dismissed the charges. When Barzilai arrived in Tel Aviv three days later, his father was comatose and unable to speak, according to Barzilai's court papers. Shaye Barzilai died on

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